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Roger Boyes on the threat of new unrest in Poland over food price increases next month

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The battle to publish Shakespeare in comic-strip form: three of his plays are now in print

Who does the actual conveyancing work in a solicitor's office - and is the house-buyer subsidizing the litigant?

.. and trouble Scan Connery talks about his new Bond film, Never Sav Never Again

#### Banking ombudsman likely

A banking ombudsman to del with customer's greievances is likely to be appointed in response to the report on banking services published by the National Consumer Council. Although the council found that customers were generally satisfied, it recommends improvement in some areas including opening hours and

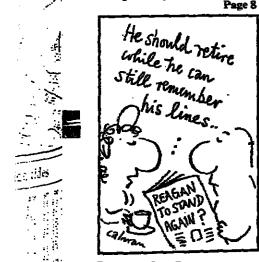
#### Wife murderer jailed for life

Peter Reyn-Bardt, who admitted killing his wife, Malika, more than 20 years ago, was sentenced to life imprisonment after conviction for murder by Thester Crown Court Page 2

#### Eagle stakes up

Allianz Versicherungs, the West German insurance group, and BAT Industries, the British tobacco and retailing empire, each raised their record-breaking takeover bids vesterday for the Eagle Star insurance group

Killer executed Louisiana's first execution in 22 years took place yesterday when Robert Wayne Williams was electrocuted for the shotgun killing of a supermarket guard



#### Hospital cuts

Government plans to double the number of hospital consultants in the health service have fallen victim to spending cuts, doctors' leaders say Page 2 **Imports** ban

Debt-ridden Brazil has suspended virtually all imports until next year to stop dollars leaving the country Page 15

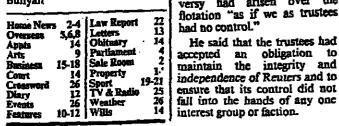
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Mr Marcus Marsh, Mr John



# Murray victory leaves NGA in bitter retreat

Trade union resistance to the ried early last year which overnment's labour laws promised backing for unions Government's labour laws began to crumble last night as Mr Len Murray, the TUC that came into conflict with the Government's labour laws. Mr Murray, looking relaxed general secretary, won a vote of confidence for his policy of non-contravention of the Employ-

and sounding confident after the six-hour general council meeting, said: "I hope this is the end of mass picketing as we have known it at Warrington". He added that unless the general council changed its by the employment policy and organization committee mind, requests for support for action in breach of the law would be rejected. printing strike declared unlawful by the High Court.
It now seems likely that the National Graphical Association

The TUC General Council

agreed by 29 votes to 21 to

upold Mr Murray's unprecen-

dented repudiation of a decision

(EPOC) to support a one-day

will cut it losses and concede

defeat in the six-month closed

for contempt of court orders

banning mass picketing. NGA leaders meet in Bedford

today to determine their next

General Secretary, was angry and bitter. He said: "Not only have we been sold down the

This is a black day not only

for the NGA, but also for the whole of the trade union

movement. The decision taken

Mr Arthur Scargill, the

miners leader, yesterday called

Adddressing a rally after a rain-drenched demonstration

start fighting'," he said.

**Reuters** 

agree to go

public

By Philip Robinson

Reuters, the international

news agency and financial

information service owned by

newspapers, last night quashed

doubts about its intentions by

saying that it would seek a

listing for its shares on the Stock

A flotation, making Reuters

public company, would lead to a big injection of cash for

national and regional news-

The agency's board said that

it was submitting a plan to its trustees, but declined to make

There had been doubts over

the flotation and on its timing.

Reuters' shareholders had to

agree among themselves what

their respective shareholdings

were, and accountants will have

to sort out the likely tax

problems that a financial

Getting the agreement of the

trustees could also lead to a

The agency's financial services, based on advanced

information techonology, would be worth between £1,000m and

£1,500m on a conventional

Fleet Street newspaper pro-prietors hold about two-fifths of

Reuters and newspaper shares

have jumped by half this year

on hopes that the agency's

profits would be £50m this year

and perhaps double that in five

Legal advice given to the Reuters' board last month

indicated that the agreement of

trust under which the agency

operated could be terminated

Mr Angus McLachlan, chair-

man of Reuters' trustees, has

expressed surprise that contro-

versy had arisen over the

flotation "as if we as trustees

He said that the trustees had

accepted an obligation to

fall into the hands of any one

by its shareholders.

had no control."

stock market flotation.

reconstruction would create.

the details public.

lengthy fight.

printing works.

sold down the river.

Mr Murray carried the day by arguing that if the general council did not endorse his repudiation of the committee decision taken three nights ago. its funds might have been at risk for aiding and abelling the NGA to break the law.

shop dispute with Mr Salim (Eddie) Shah's Messenger Group newspapers, which has cost the union £675.000 in fines Some powerful unions, including the Transport and General Workers, said last night that they would continue to give, support to the NGA in its dispute with Mr Shah, and the step. Mr Joe Wade, the union's printing trade union said it would now campaign to reverse the general council's decision. That is unlikely to come about river, but every trade union before next year's affiliated to the TUC has been ence in September. before next year's TUC confer-

Moderate union expressed satisfaction with the Mr Alastair Graham, general council has come out movement. The decision taken clearly and said that opposition by the general council is that its to the industrial relations policy is now in conformity legislation has to be within the with the 1980 and 1982 law. We are not going to Employment Acts."

Support unlawful action." support unlawful action".

The TUC had offered only Mr Bill Keyes, the leader of "tea and sympathy" in response the sogat 82 print union and inquiry and Acas will not to the NGA's request for chairman of the employment establish such an investigation support under the provisions of support under the provisions of the Wembley declaration car-have literally isolated the union. sides,

They cannot win without the TUC."

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Mr Shah said last night that his commitment to his staff's wish not to join a union was as firm as ever it was, "It would have continued like that which ever way the TUC decision had

But he said he had been worried that the decision might have gone the other way. He did not believe that it spelled defeat for the NGA. "I think the dispute will continue", he said.

The TUC's employment told to think again on what assistance might be given to the NGA in its dispute. The general council yesterday came out in favour of a committee of inquiry set up undr the auspices of the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service to look into the dispute

The NGA leaders have now to decide whether to continue their defiance of the law and reimpose the mass picketing and the one-day strike, or go for an all-out stoppage in the printing and newspaper indus-tries – all of which would bring more and bigger fines - or to return to the negotiating table with Mr Shah and get what the TUC described last night as "the best possible conclusion" to the dispute, and deter other printing employers from invoking the employment legislation. Mr Shah is unlikely to agree

to the setting up of an independent committee of without the agreement of both

# Scargill calls for biggest picket

By David Felton and Ronald Faux, Warrington gional TUC attracted about repeated his determination to 4,000 trade unionists from all continue hid fight.

on the trade union movement to mount "the biggest picket line in history" round Mr Selim (Eddie) Shah's Warrington The organisers had hoped for a bigger turnout but the suspension of the National Graphical Association's oneday strike planned for yesterday ensured it would not reach their a paid-for newspaper. Negoexpectations.

through Warrington town cen-tre, Mr Scargill said the TUC's Extra police were drafted in policy of opposition to the Government's employment but the demonstration passed legislation should be binding on off peacefully. Coaches taking everyone, including Mr Len demonstrators away escorted by Murray, the General Secretary, police, who also checked traffic police, who also checked traffic going to the industrial estate "My advice to the TUC is, for where Mr Shah has his factory. goodness sake stop talking and Mr Shah, who had feared that

The demonstration, orga- some protesters might try to nized by the North-west Re- picket his factory, yesterday He said he would re-engage

the six dismissed NGA typeset-ters at the centre of the dispute only on terms he had already outlined. He also revealed he intended to expand by acquiring tiations he had had recently to acquire the Sporting Chronicle had broken down, he said.

At the rally Mr Scargill said the NGA's battle against Mr Shah had to be fought and won. He said: "NGA members have got to realise that they have to take direct action and the rest of the movement has an obligation

## Rate rises likely as support grant falls

By Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspondent The Government yesterday But that formula is itself

announced rate support grants curbed by extra criteria, one of worth almost £12,000m to which aggrieved the Conserva-English local councils next year, reduction in the share of council spending paid for by Whitehall.

The Government's share rose to almost two-thirds in the peak spending period of the 1970s, but next year it will drop to little more than half. Ministers also issued spending targets yesterday for all English county, district and city councils. In some areas the targets for next year are much lower than the amount budgeted for spending by councillors this year.

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, claimed that careful spending by councils could mitigate the rate rises needed to compensate for the cut in the Government's share of council spending. Councils had predicted that the size of the last government allocaton of money to them would make vast rises necessary, but the actual increase had been 6% per cent.

Ministers decide the targets and the sharing of grant using a complicated mixture of criteria based on the recent financial performance of councils and the needs of their populations for services of all kinds

tive-dominated Association of a total lower in real terms than County Councils. It complained this year's and marking a that although the Government County Councils. It complained expected the cost of living to rise next year by 5 per cent, it was using its extra criteria in making grants to councils to discourage them from raising spending by more than 3 per Sir Jack Smart, chairman of

the Labour-led Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said vesterday that some Conservative - and Labour - controllled councils expected to be forced by the Government's package to crease rates by more than 20 per cent next year. While yesterday's announce

ment allows little leeway for extra spending by councils which make the economies demanded by ministers, it leaves room for heavy penalties against those seen as penders". The target fixed by ministers for the Labour-controlled Greater London Council is £562m, more than a third below that council's budget this year of £867m.

 Government support for bus subsidies in London and other big cities will be cut back next year, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, announced yesterday (Michael



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## Reagan decides to run again

From Nicholas Ashford Washington

President Reagan has finally decided to seek reelection next year. Encouraged by high ratings in the opinion polls, a bouyant economic recovery and a resurgence of national pride in the wake of the Grenada invasion, the President, who will be 73 on February 6, has told his senior staff he will formally announce his decision on January 29.

The announcement, which will take place four days after his State of the Union address nts state of the Union address to a joint session of Congress, will be made in a 15-minute nationally televised address from the Oval Office at the already started working on an outline of his speech.

Mr Reagan has tried to hold off a formal announcement for as long as possible, but some deadlines are approaching which have made it necessary for him to signal his intentions clearly. Before the end of this year he must sign papers to meet filing deadlines for pri-mary elections in Illinois and New Hampshire.

President Reagan yesterday still acted coyly when asked about his election intentions during an impromptu press conference at the White House. "You'll have to wait until January 29", he told a quesvioner.

Although there is a handful of

observers in Washington who still harbour doubts about his reelection intentions. White House aides and members of his campaign staff are absolutely convinced he will seek a second term. "I have no doubts at all that he is going to seek reelection", Mr John Buckley, a spokesman for the Reagan-Bush Campaign Committee, told The Times yesterday. We are basing all our plans on the expectation he will announce his decision to run on January

#### America's big guns shell Syrians landed near the ruined ski

responded to Syrian anti-aircraft fire on their reconsissance evening by ordering their 58,000-ton battleship, New Jersey, to fire her 16-in guns at

the Syrian Army.
In a series of massive broadsides at dusk, the ship steaming at high speed up the Lebanese coastline and sur-rounded by an escort of missile ernisers and destroyers - sent her one-ton shells soaring high over the mountains east of Beirut to explode around three villages where Syrian armour is

concentrated above the capital.

The sheer scale of the bombardment can be estimated by the range of the shells that

The Americans meexpectedly resort of Dahr el-Baidur, a crumbling village 23 miles east of Beirut and one third of the

It lies along the main Syrian guns and armoured vehicles.

military supply route to the Choif mountains, where the Draze militia are fighting the Lebanese Army with Syrian No sooner had the New

Jersey fired off its giant shells - each manufactured at the time of the Korean War - than two other American warships, the missile croiser Ticonderoga and the destroyer Tatnall, turned sharply towards the coastline off Beirut and began firing their five-inch guns up into the mountains.

By the time darkness fell

over the Mediterranean and hid the ships from sight, a total of more than 80 shells had landed in Syrian-occupied territory Druze militia in the Chouf. According to the Americans.

Syrian anti-aircraft guns had fired at two US F14 reconnaissance jets during the early afternoon Permission to fire the New Jersye's guns, which had not been used in anger since the Vietnam War, is, understood to have been specifically obtained from the White House before the Second World War battleship was sent

into action.
On Tuesday, the Americans had said that the New Jersey's guns were ready to fire, but the Syrians - and many Lebanese -

It was the second consecutive

mountains and already pattern of retaliation is developing. Syrian troops fire at US jets and American warships open up a barrage in response. Around Beirut the security situation was deteriorating by the early afternoon, when Druze and Phalangist guns fired across the southern suburbs at each other, killing

two Lebanese soldiers, while flerce street fighting broke out around the fringes of the Bourj al-Barajneh slams.

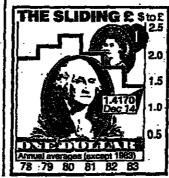
Threats to Arafat and Tripoli plans, page 6

#### Pound still under pressure

German's central bank, which sold an estimated \$250m. (£177m) to defend its currency, knocked the dollar off its peaks yesterday and helped to take some of the pressure off sterling. After nearly breaching \$1.41,

sterling recovered slightly to close 25 points on the day in London at \$1.4170 still a record It also ended lower against other leading currenceis

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# opoly on conveyancing. Ministers have decided durng the past few days that the

change, which more of them, including the Prime Minister, favour, is not best achieved through Mr Austin Mitchell's House Buyers Bill.

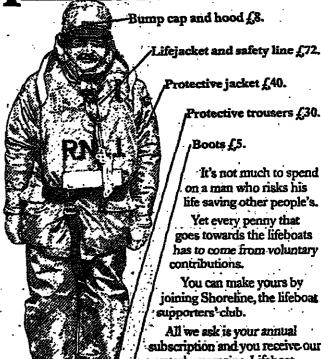
to legislation and ministers hope that MPs who favour the objectives of the Bill will then not vote for it.

The Cabinet will haveto decide this morning about the timing of its own Bill. It has the

industry. Conservatives who remain to

the Government tomorrow to set out the timetable for the introduction of its legislation, Mr Mitchell will need the

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#### Video editors earning £100,000 By David Hewson year, refused to allow soccer edit tapes for the Sunday coverage to be sent to London afternoon programme.

Three videotape editors who have each been carning more than £100,000 a year are at the centre of the dispute which has blacked out The Big Match from commercial television since the beginning of the football season.

The men were believed to be the three highest wage earners commercial television, receiving more than company directors and senior production staff at London Weekend Television where they work. But their wages have been more than halved since video

editors at the regional commer-

for editing by the three men at the beginning of the season.

Television industry sources emphasized last night that the £100,000-plus salaries of the three editors were produced by 2 unique combination of factors at LWT. Most people working kin similar positions in other companies are paid far less.

At LWT, the men gain from a generous in-company agreement which has been boosted by the hours needed to produce The Big Match. The men would normally

They are members of the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians and carry out duties which are regarded as highly skilled within the television industry, often working to last-minute deadlines and taking editorial decisionsl

But there are signs that the commercial network may drop soccer coverage altogether if the dispute is not resolved. Recorded soccer has attracted poor audiences in recent years and cial companies, who earn work through Saturday night at has become progressi between £25,000 and £40,000 a greatly inflated rates in order to expensive to produce. work through Saturday night at has become progressively more

#### Solicitors' monopoly to be ended By Philip Webster Political Reporter The Government is expected to promise tomorrow that it will

ntroduce legislation of its own to remove the solicitors' mon-

During tomorrow's Com-mons debate on the second reading of that Bill, the Government will commit itself

powerful backing not only of Mrs Margaret Thatcher, but also of Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr Norman Tebbit, Sec-retary of State for Trade and

be persuaded against supporting Mr Mitchell's Bill are looking to

which they hope will be in the next session of Parliament. support of 100 MPs to prevent his Bill being "talked out", Ministers have decided, although they agree with Mr. Mitchell's objective of liberalizing the market for house conveyancing by allowing building societies and banks to

compete, that his Bill has so many omissions that it should not be taken over by the Government, It is felt that it provides insufficient safee-guards on standards of work, qualifications and discipline.

Police draft

reforms on

use of guns

By Our Crime Reporter

A package of changes for police firearms training and the assessment of officers in the

wake of the shooting of Mr Steven Walforf in January are being proposed by a working party of the Association of Chief Police Officers. The changes include doubling

the initial training period to two

weeks, increasing refresher courses to two days, three or

four times a year, and teaching policemen better emotional

Decisions on the proposals are likely to be taken in the new

the tests may be repeated every

few years to keep pace with

dations would also call for the

presence where possible of a member of DII, the specialized

police firearms experts, when

officers' emotonal changes.

Irish airport

plan in trouble

The Government of the Irish

Republic has told sponsors of a

plan to build an airport at

Knock, co Mayo, the Marian

shrine village, that it will supply no more cash for the project.

spent by successive govern-ments on constructing a 7.500ft runway but a further £3.5m is

still needed. Yesterday the

Government decided that spon-

sors of the airport would have to find the rest of the cash

BP officers halt

ioint mess plan

British Petroleum yesterday shelved plans for "social inte-gration" of officers and ratings

on their oil tankers after a threat

of industrial action from the

The Merchant Navy and Airline Officers' Association (MNAOA) told the oil company

that its 600 members in the 2

BP vessels had adopted a policy

of non-cooperation with the proposals and would obstruct

any attempt to impose mixed mess and recreational facilities.

Life-support man

donates kidneys

The family of Mr Graham

Alcock, aged 28, yesterday approved the use of his organs

for transplants, even although

he is still on a life support

shire, was admitted to hospital

on Monday with serious head

injuries when he fell 10ft from a

ladder at work. But his wife

vesterday accepted that he was

Correction

Mr Richard Ryder, Conservative MP for Mid Norfolk, points out that at a press conference on Tuesday he said he would be disappointed if the

Giovernment did not support the former did not support the principles underlying the House Bayers Bill and not, as reported yesterday, the Bill itself.

his command as he would have

With the ending of National Service in 1963, there was a

large reduction in the size of

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officers' trade union.

More than £7m has been

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had 30 years ago.

# QE2 wrangle as Germans deny responsibility for boiler fault

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

The West German shipyard which carried out a £4.5m refit of the Queen Elizabeth 2 yesterday denied responsibility

for her boiler troubles. Hapag-Lloyd of Bremerhaven said that work was carried out on all three of the QEZ's boilers ation of when or when not to open fire.

Details of the recommenduring her stay: two by Hapag-Lloyd and one by a British dations are given tonight on during her stay: two by Hapag-Thames Television's pro-gramme TV Eye, which looks at contractor. The two boilers they had worked on worked per-fectly, Hapag-Lloyd said; the the Waldorf shooting. The recommendations are outlined by Assistant Commissioner Geoffrey Dear, who is in charge other did not. of training and personnel at Scotland Yard.

When trouble arose on the third boiler Cunard asked if the ship on stay in the yard beyond her planned departure date on Monday for it to be rectified. but Hapag-Lloyd declined, partly because of the tide.

year - There are plans to introduce a number of psycho-logical tests to assess officers during their early training and "Our work was done. The ship left the yard with all work due to Hapag-Lloyd completed on time. We wanted to make sure the problem was not on our

The British contractor working on the third boiler was Hamworthy Engineering a respected maker of marine pumps, compressors, combustion equipment Poole, Dorset.

A spokesman for the parent Powell Duffyn Group said: "So far as we are concerned there has been no problem with our equipment at all. We have a contract with Cunard to fit new burners to all three burners on the QE2. One was installed satisfactorily in Bremerhaven; QE2 would be able to be sent off the others will be done in the on her world cruise in January new year.

is an atomizer, a tube of about 4ft 2in diameter. It adds steam to heated heavy oil and sprays it into the furnace in fine droplets

The issue appears to be: Did the third boiler fail to work because of some fault by Hamworthy or Hapag-Lloyd, or because of fault in the ship herself? There appears to have been a shortage of purified feet water to the boilers arising from a blocked pipe in the feed

That, as one expert said last night, was the sort of thing that could arise on any 17-year-old ship after her system has been haken up in an overhaul.

 The liner finally sailed from Southampton last night, 22 hours behind schedule, on her three-day Channel cruise (our Southampton Correspondent

Cunard said that 55 passen-gers had walked off the ship and asked for their money back, and that had been refunded. The remaining 1,415 passengers who stayed on board will be rewarded with free drinks throughout the remaining two days of the grains days of the cruise.

Mr Bernard Crisp, Cunard's managing director, described the breakdown as a minor problem. He was confident the OE2 would be able to be sent off in perfect mechanical condition

#### Jenkin cry for help on reforms

By Anthony Bevins Political Correspondent

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Enviroment, has issued a cry for help to the Prime Minister and other Cabinet, colleagues, ask-ing them to rally round in defence of his plans for local government and rating reform. A letter, dated December 8, points out that plans for rate-capping and the abolition of the Greater London and metropolitan county councils "are arousing considerable comment and

controversy". Mr Jenkin circulated a 46page briefing document and says in his letter: "I cannot urge too strongly that colleagues should respond whenever appropriate to arguments to which focus on their policy

shadow spoke published the leaked letter, said it showed that the 20vernment

The letter discloses that the Secretary of State put one of his junior ministers. Mr Williams Waldegrave, in charge of a special unit "to coordinate better our response to the well organized campaign of oppo-sition and propaganda which we face".

Austin Mitchell, Labour MP

On the face of it, the Royal

Navy has been more successful

in protecting its top jobs than

the other Services. In the middle of this year there was one admiral for every two

fighting ships of frigate class and above. In 1953, there had been one admiral for every 4.7

such ships.
This year there were still

eight naval officers of the rank of commodore/senior captain

and above for every ten who

held these ranks in 1953. By

comparison, the Army has only six people of equivalent rank

for every ten in 1953, and the

An important factor behind

Royal Air Force has seven.

for Greater Grinsby

#### **Extension** of legal aid urged

By Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent Legal aid should be available to people appearing before all tribunals, the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee said in its

annual report yesterday.

If there is not enough money to do that, tribunals daling with personal liberty should be given The committee says: "Bail applications to the immigration

appellante authorities are the only proceeding under the only proceeding under the general supervision of the Council on Tribunals in England and Wales involving personal liberty for which legal aid is not available. Legal aid to the legal and the supervisions of the council of the legal and the le should be available in immigration cases where leave to appeal is granted.

The report says that the case for extending legal aid also to job. Serving of documents is hearings before the Social part of the business of Flower-Security Commissioners in unanswerable.

The Law Society's annua report on legal aid, published in the same document, says payments have risen from £9.130.231 in 1978-79 to £31,745,186 in 1982-83. The Law Society administers the scheme under the supervision of the Lord Chancellor.

Legal Aid: 33rd Annual Reports of
The Law Society and of the Lord
Chancellor's Advisory Committee

1982-83 (House of Commons Paper 137. Stationary Office, £10.75).

National Service was less

prevalent in the Navy com-

pared to the other services, so

that the contraction in man-

power with the ending of conscription was less marked.

including the Royal Marines,

has fallen in strength from

146,000 in 1953 to about 71,000 today, the Army has declined from nearly 450,000 to

about 160,000, and the RAF

The average number of Service personnel commanded

by officers of the rank of brigadier, air commodore, senior captain, and above fell

from 860 in 1953, to 458 this

from 316,000 to 90,000.

# 'Roman skull' killer guilty

Peter Reyn-Bardt last night began a life sentence for the murder of his wife Malika more than 22 years ago.

Reyn-Bardt, a former airline official aged 57, strangled his "marriage of convenience" wife in a row over money, hacked and buried the remains in the

garden of his cottage in Wilmslow, Cheshire. A jury at Chester Crown Court took three-and-a-half hours yesterday to return an 11-I majority "guilty" verdict after a three-day trial.

They rejected Reyn-Bardt's After a honeymoon in claim that he had struggled with his estranged wife after she attacked him and that he could remember nothing of how she him is realized. He had struggled with his estranged wife after she attacked him and that he could remember nothing of how she him is realized. remember nothing of how she died. He had denied murdering her between October, 1960, and June 1961.

The marriage of Peter Reyn-Bardt and Malika Maria de Fernandez had an air of theatrical fantasy from the start. He proposed to her less than two hours after they met, when Malika, working as a part-time waitress, served him Russian tea in a Manchester coffee bar. Three days later, on March 28, 1959, they were married.

serving legal documents on

people who may not wish to

Like the "Mounties", they

have a pride in getting their man. Some are solicitors.

Others make a living from the

dew and Co, legal agents, who

celebrate their centenary next

Corbett, said yesterday: "We

tell them that the documents

must be served personally on

the defendant. That means by

handing the document to the

defendant, or, should he refuse

to accept same in a reasonable

manner, then service may be

effected by leaving the docu-ment at that person's feet". What technically counts as

service has been called into

In the Royal Marines, Royal

Air Force, and the Army there

is now one senior officer for

every 420 to 445 non-com-

missioned officers and other

ranks, but in the Royal Navy

Although the number hold-

ing senior rank has declined,

there are some notable excep-

tions. In 1953, in the Navy, the fighting fleet of frigates are above numbered 384 vessels

and there were 104 people with

the rank of commodore/senior

This year, when the numbers

of ships had diminished to 97,

the number of senior captains

the ratio is only one to 307.

Their manager, Mr Philip

receive them.

Reyn-Bardt, then 33 and calling himself Edwin Rainbird, was a BOAC executive at ter Ringway airport. He tried to disguise his

homosexuality - which if discovered in the 1950s, could have cost him his job and even brought him before the courts. In the lively woman aged 32

who spoke several languages and loved to move in the same social circles, he saw the chance of respectability. She saw the chance of cheap travel around the world and contact with the rich and famous.

ship, in various flats in Manchester, deteriorated within a year and she disappeared for long periods.

Soon Reyn-Bardt had set up another home in Heathfield Cottage, in Wilmslow, an affluent Manchester suburb.

Reyn-Bardt was alone in the cottage, with its large wooded garden, when his wife returned several months later. There was a bitter row and Reyn-Bart strangled her.

The NGA dispute

ing 2.300 striking Shell refinery

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National

Speedy union chiefs fail

to deter writ servers

The sight of trade unionists question during recent trade

making a quick getaway will not union disputes. Two trade deter those with the job of union shop stewards represent-

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

In 1963 he went to Portsmouth. There, in 1975, he men Paul Russell Corrigan. This was to be his downfall

The two men were arrrested for abducting young boys from the streets of Portsmouth for offences,

After his release in January 1981, Paul Corrigan killed a young boy in Birmingham after a rape and torture. In jail, he asked to see detectives and told them of Reyn-Bardt's story of killing his wife.
They could not do so. Reyn-

Bardt, now living in Knightsbridge, was questioned about his wife's disappearance and denied murdering her.

Then, on Friday, May 13, workers collecting peat for mushroom beds found a human skull in the earth 300 yards from the grounds of Heathfield Cottage. In October tests con-firmed that the skull dated from about AD 410, and had no connexion with the case.

But in June police had again seen Reyn-Bardt and con-fronted him with the "evidence". He then admitted killing his wife.

#### NGA members lose appeal

The National Graphical Association acted lawfully in expelling four members for alleged strike-breaking, a High Court judge ruled yesterday.

over expulsion

Mr Justice Skinner dismissed workers went into hiding from officials trying to serve an claim by four managers at John H. Burrows and Sons, of Basildon, Essex, that the union A workers' strike committee had broken its own rules by not allowing them to give oral evidence before its appeal committee or national council.

BL failed to notify the BL's assurances against a evidence before its appeal tax avoidance deals in 1981 and tax avoidance deals in 1981 spokesman said an attempt at service was made, but the The only requirement was for

an oral hearing at branch level which was offered to the men. This week, The Times reported that Mr Joe Wade, ● The National Union of Journalists is to seek leave to secretary of the appeal to the Lords today Graphical Associagainst a High Court injunction ation, sprinted from a back door of Congress House as an official chased him down the street with outlawing a journalists strike at Mr David Dimbleby's Rich-High Court orders granted to mond-based newspaper group several newspaper publishers in South West London.

pronouncing the next day's planned strike as unlawful. Mr Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday refused to issue a Labour judgment on the National Wade was driven away, leaving the official waving his docu-ments at the kerb-side. Graphical Association conflict

De Lorean millions still

#### missing, receiver says More than \$8.5m, part of a told the Commons Public payment which was spent by Accounts Committee during its

Mr John De Lorean's Belfast investigation of the De Lorean car company and then mysteriously disappeared, was used by him after passing through a network of Swiss and United States banks.

Investigations have shown that the sum, spent developing the De Lorean sports car, was used to guarantee a loan to the Belfast car chief, Sir Kenneth Cork, the receiver, told MPs last

A further \$9m, also intended for the car's technical development, is still missing and detailed checks have been unable to trace it, Sir Kenneth

The total missing \$17.5m had been paid to a small Swiss company, known as GPD, to finance the development under contract with the Norwich car company, Lotus. Sir Kenneth pointed to the

cash manipulation as a possible breach of company law.

He said: "If someone take money out of a company and everyone thinks it goes for a certain purpose, and it goes for no purpose at all, it is certainly a breach of some Companies

#### **Be curious** Yard asks Londoners

By Stewart Tendler Crime Reporter

Londoners were urged by Scotland Yard yesterday to "be curious" and report anything suspicious to the police. Meanwhile the hunt got under way for the bombing team who left a powerful device close to a busy shopping street on Tuesday. As the police stepped up their

oresence on the London streets t the prospect of a Provisional IRA Christmas bombing campaign. Sir Kenneth Newman, Commissioner of the Metro-politan Police, called on the public to "be our eyes and ears". In turn, he promised more men and resources to combat the bombers.

As he spoke, officers from the anti-terrorist squad were still examining the remains of a 10lb device left near Kensington High Street. The device was hidden in a holdall and the police are trying to discover why it failed to explode.

In Oxford, Thames Valley officers were investigating a device left in a telephone box in Cowley late on Tuesday night. The device exploded sending the kiosk door into the road. Yesterday the force said that no one had claimed responsi-

The police do not believe the bomb as the work of a terrorist

#### double consultants 'in disarray' By Nicholas Timmine Social Services Correspondent

NHS planto

Government plans to double the number of hospital consult. ants by 1996 are in disarray after restrictions on health service spending and manpower cuts, doctors' leaders said

Figures compiled for the joint on sultants committee and the British Medical Association's hospital junior staff committee show that, far from the rate of the succession in consultant from the rate of the succession in consultant from the succe expansion in consultant mum. A bers increasing it has fallen for the last two years and is set to fall still further next year.

The proposal to double the analysis of the analysis of the proposal to double the analysis of t

number of consultants was in agreed by Mr Patrick Jenkin when he was Secretary of State for Social Services in 1981: The aim was to improve both the ci quality of patient care and to ease the growing bottle-neck interactions of junior doctors who la are trained to consultant states a but then have to wait years for are Consultant post.

Dr Frank Wells, secretary to a

the two committees is saidy yesterday that consultant in numbers needed to expand at 4 per cent a year to meet the term

But in the year ended last " April, numbers expanded byes only 1.8 per cent, the lowest of growth for five years. A survey ra carried out by the junior doctors at now showed that this years' as growth would be lower, and of next year's lower still Antistant

Of 491 new consultants posts approved for this year, it appeared that only 287 would be funded by health authorities and a consultant appointed.

Next year the figure was likely to be 237. The joint consultants com-

mittee had delivered a strong, protest to ministers through Sir. Henry Yellowiees, the chief medical officer at the Department of Health, he said, and the issue will be put to the BMA's council next month. "The commitment to come?" sultant expansion just is not "a

taking place to anything like the it. degree promised or needed", he said. "h. is 'virtually' at a standstill." Dr Aubrey Bristow, chairman'

of the hospital junior staff the committee said that there were him many fully qualified senior? registrars ready to become ::> consultants. Not expanding the consultant

grade meant failing to treat patients on growing waiting lists when the doctors were ready, , and available, he added.

## BL criticized over tax avoidance

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

the Exchequer, the all-party Committee of Public Accounts reported yesterday. Although the company is

required under a memorandum to tell ministers of decisions that have important economic or political implications, it did not consult the Government as it considered the transactions fell within tax law and were consistent with its obligations to act commercially, the report

The Department of Trade and Industry has "deprecated" BL's failure to report the dealings because of the cost to the Exchequer of the extra funding obtained through the arragement and "the undesirability of publicly owned companies taking part in tax avoidance activities"

The department has decided,

described by the committee yesterday as not entirely convincing". Mr Gordon

Downey, Comptroller and Auditor General, said in the report of his inquiry into the arrangements. for supervising and monitoring BL that the department had become aware after the event that the company had undertaken transactions in 1981 and 1982 with third parties through which it obtained "substantial" sums in exchange for the transfer of tax losses.

He said: "BL regarded the transactions as falling within existing tax law and considered that the use of a company's taxloss assets in this way was well established commercial practice."

Committee of Public Accounts: Session 1983-84: Department of The department has decided, Andustry supervision and monitoring however, not to tighten up the of British, Leyland (Stationery memorandum after receiving Office, £2.85).

## Hospitals under threat.

Regional Health Authority is Thatcher's constituency.

ter Teaching Hospital, Central Emergency Campaign.

Middlesex Hospital in Brent, Mount Vernon Hospital in studying options that include Middlesex, which has a specialclosing as many as three big ist burns unit. St Charles and St district general hospitals over Stephen's Hospital in London the next decade, including and Edgware and Barnet Gen-Barnet General Hospital in Mrs eral Hospitals in Middlesex. -The options are set out in an

The options include shutting internal memorandum that has acute services at the Westmins- been leaked to the Breat Health

#### STOP PRESS.

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By Rodney Cowton, Defeace Corresponden

#### RUC man may be charged

From Richard Ford

ies, was arrested at his home on Tuesday by detectives investi-gating the shooting of Anthony Dayson in the Roman Catholic Short Strand enclave of strongly Protestant east Belfast

Court today. Details of the arrest, which is highly embarrassing for the RUC, as the funeral of Mr

# with murder

Belfast

A policeman in the Royal Ulster Constabulary is expected to be charged with murdering a young Roman Catholic man three days ago. The constable, in his twen-

He was taken to Castlereagi holding centre and is expected to appear at Belfast Magistrates'

Dawson, aged 18, was being held in east Belfast. The officer being questioned was off duty when Mr Dawson was shot.

#### Sale room Chinese lacquer tray fetches £70,000

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondend

below was starkly underlined by Christie's London sale of important Chinese lacquer and works of art yesterday, which scored an auction record price for red lacquer while 150 lots out of 315 in the sale failed to find buvers. The record £70,2000 was paid

by the Gammon Art Gallery of Honkong for a square red lacquer tray of the early fifteenth century carved with a pavilion and figures in a landscape reminiscent of the old "willow pattern". The estimate was £45,000 to £60,000.

There was an exceptional red lacquer section in the sale, with a cylindrical box of similar date. deeply carved with a similar landscape, selling for £37,800 (estimate £30,000 to £45,000) and a marbled hexagonal ewer with the Jiajing reign mark

The strength of the top of the (1522-1566) making £30,240 expected to fetch in the £6,000 at market and lack of support (estimate £20,000 to £30,000), to £9,000 range. They report at the fetch in the £6,000 at £30,000 range. (estimate £20,000 to £30,000), also to Gammon. The sale totalled £528,358

with 37 per cent left unsold in cash terms. The stoneware proved the most difficult to

At Sotheby's a clump of

snowdrops met an unlooked-for degree of competition. They were painted on a board with an arched top by John Atkinson Grimshaw in 1862 and pro-vided with an arch title. "Fair Maids of February". Christopher Wood, the London dealer who specializes in Victorian painting paid £11,550 (estimate £1,500 to £2,500) for them. They are rendered with great precision against the brown earth and dead leaves of

There were two Edward Ladell still lives of fruit and wine glasses on a table, each

and £9.900 The sale of Victorian paint- 1 ings and sculpture totalled of £324.379, with 26 per cent T unsold. The top price in the sculpture section was £6,050 in (estimate £2,000 to £3,000) for a phronze of "Salome" by Sir = Edgar Bertram MacKennal dating from about 1897. She is a denicted parent and a property and depicted naked and presents a 219 tough image, holding a carved scimitar behind her back for later use.

expectations to reach £10,450

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**Brittan announces** 

drive against

rising drug abuse

A British officer is to be British police officer will work

tor heroin production and a to fight heroin smugglers oper-

detective is to be seconded to ating from Holland.
the Dutch police to liase on Mr Brittan also announced

neasures announced yesterday

Between 1980 and last year beroin seizures rose fivefold.

while cocaine seizures this year

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By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

deal with customers' grievances is likely to be set up in response to the report on banking services published yesterday by the National Consumer Coun-

Establishing an ombudsman is one of the key recommendations of the report, which nevertheless concludes that by and large customers are content with the service banks give.

A Market and Opinion Research Institute survey car-ried out for the council showed that nine in ten customers were either "very" or "fairly" satisfied with their banks, although most still wanted to see

Mrs Rachel Waterhouse. chairman of the subcommittee information on charges. of the council which drew up the report, said yesterday of the customers' attitudes: "If you have a low expectation you are satisfied with what you get".

She said that the survey might suggest that nearly everything in the banking garden was lovely, but "banks should take note of the improvements that customers want to see, and the fact that building societies are already providing some of the things that banking customers say they want, such as longer opening

The report, commissioned by the Government in the spring of

**Pocket TV** 

supplies

are delayed

minister responsible for corpor- into cheque clearing and elecate and consumer affairs at the tronic payments systems on Department of Trade and equitable terms the Govern-Industry backed the proposal ment should consider whether for an ombudsman,

that customers were in general allowed to control the systems. highly satisfied and rarely The composite rate of interest, complained, it indentified and recommended on some areas societies, should be abolished where it saw scope for improve- and savers with banks or

hours and bank charges. Many customers grumbled about difficulties in getting cash out of Saturday opening. There was also considerable dissatisfaction over the way bank charges were calculated and the lack of

Bank customers with building society accounts also tended find their building society more friendly and easier to deal with.

The main thrust of the council's recommendations is aimed at encouraging competition between banks, building societies, and other institutions which it sees as the best way of improving the service for customers.

The council's key recommendations are: The Government should review the development of money transmission services within two or three years. If there are the Government in the spring of two or three years. If there are individually the recommen 1982, was generally welcomed signs that building societies and dations on bank charges.

A banking ombudsman to by the banks. Mr Alex Fletcher, others are not being allowed ment should consider whether the Committee of London Although the council found Clearing Bankers should still be societies should be allowed to

included opening choose whether to receive interest net or gross of tax. Building societies should have limited powers to grant loans their banks and most wanted without the security of a first mortgage. Banks shold not deduct bank

charges charges from customers' accounts without telling them Banks should give more infor-mation to customers on the cost of overdrafts.

Changes should be made to the way banks adminster wills run their trustee business. The banks should set up and pay for the banking ombudsman, backed by an independent council, along the lines of the insurance industry's ombuds-

The Committee of London Clearing Bankers said last night that the banks had set up a working party to study the idea of a banking ombudsman. The banks would be considering

## Coin Street appeal lost by boroughs

redevelopment of the Coin Street site on the South Bank in

Lord Justice Waller, sitting with Lord Justice Watkins and Lord Justice Browne-Wilkinson, unanimously dismissed an appeal by the Greater London Council, the London borought of Lambeth and Southwark, and the Association of Waterloo Groups. Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was also refused, although the objectors

The objectors' case was that Mr Tom King, former Secretary of State for the Environment, had acted inconsistently in granting simultaneous planning permission last January for two research and £4m investment, separate and incompatible

Sir Clive Sinclair pedicted that schemes. One scheme, submitted by Greycoat Commercial Estates, consisted substantially of offices and shops. The other, prepared by the Association of Waterloo for £79.95, is less than a third of Groups, a loose federation of

The Court of Appeal placed greater emphasis on appeared yesterday finally to housing and accommodation have cleared the way for the for small industries.

The site, which occupies 13 acres between Waterloo and Blackfriars bridges, is seen as one of the most important in central London. The public inquiry into the two schemes gained much public attention in 1981 when demonstrators repeatedly interrupted the proceedings and succeeded in forcing a postponement.

The Court of Appeal's verdict upholds a refusal by Mr Justice Brown in the High Court last July to quash Mr King's

Yesterday, Lord Justice Waller said that no decision could ever be free from criticism, but that in his opinion the criticisms made in the case had no validity. He could see no prejudice in the

Since one of the last acts of the outgoing Conservative GLC | Court judge last October. administration in 1981 was to sell most of the freehold to Greycoat the latter's scheme can be halted only if the Lords agree to hear a further appeal.

five occasions.

The Law Society said yester day that it accepted the Lay Observer's criticisms.



Wise at Westmister Abbey yesterday. Two months ago Sharon saved four of her brothers from a fire (Photograpph: Brian Harris).

Children receive bravery awards Ten children were guests of honour at a carol service in Westminster Abbey yester-

A youngster who tackled an armed burglar twice his size, a girl who saved the lives of her four brothers, a scout who overcame a horrific accident, were three examples of the bravery and endurance shown by the 10 "Children of Courage" who received bravery awards from Princess Alexandra.

Jerome Kislingbury, aged 13, wrestled with a would-be burglar who attacked his mother with a knife. The boy, from Connaught Road, Reading, woke to see a strange figure bending over his sleeping sister. The man wandered into his mother's bedroom. As she telephoned the police the man pinned her against the wall, holding a knife to her stomach.

Although the man was 6ft 2in and about 15 stone, the boy jumped on his back, pushed him to the floor, and "just kept

kicking him. "Of course I was frightened," the boy said. "It was the only thing I could do. I did not want my mum to get killed."

Sharon Pankhurst, aged 10 saved four of her brothers from a fire at their home in Leeds two months ago. She threw the boys aged five, four, two, and one - out of a window to her father 20 feet below. Only then did she jump.

Other children who received awards were Shaun Nethercott, aged 12, from Exeter; Andrew McLean, aged 5, from Penwartham, Preston; Sarah Foggon, aged 11, from Wallsend, Tyne and Wear, Angela Carruthers, aged 4, from Dumfriesshire, Scotland; Richard Neale, aged 11, from Kent; Lorraine Topham, aged 8, from Man-chester, Carl Dickinson, aged 12, from Yorkshire; and Brenda Maxwell, aged 11, from Dumfries, Scotland.

The awards were sponsored by Woman's

#### Law Society censured in costs case

The Law Society, the professional body for solicitors, was seriously at fault in dealing with complaints against solicitor according to an official report published yesterday.

The solicitor, Mr Glanville Davis, of Queen Victoria Road, the roll of solicitors by a High

Mr Leslie Parsons, a businessman of Lon Hir, Carmarthen, had brought court proceedings against Mr Davies after claiming that the Law Society had failed to deal properly with his complaints, which mainly concerned gros overcharging. Normally the Law Society taken such action.

After Mr Davies was struck off by Mr Justice Vinelott, Major-General John Allen, the Lay Observer attached to the Lord Chancellor's Department, investigated the case. In his report, published yesterday, General Allen said that the Law Society was seriously at fault on

Mr Davies had acted for Mr Parsons for several years in a commercial dispute, where Mr Parsons received £530,000 damages. Mr Davies charged Mr Parsons £198,000, which was later reduced to £67,000 by a High Court costing official. General Allen's report said that Mr Parsons had a valid ground for complaint about the gross overcharging". The Law Society should have appreciated that.

## Sex-case optician is struck off

Brian Harris, an optician who April at which he was given an admitted that he drugged 18-month suspended sentence women for sexual intercourse, and fined £1,600 with £1,000 was struck off the opthalmic opticians' register yesterday. He had the option of appealing to the Privy Council and could apply to be reinstated after 12

Mr Harris, of Cotesmere Edna, on hearing the General Optical Council's disciplinary hearing in Harley Street, London, were surrounded by press

Mr Harris was struck off for part: "I further undertake and contravening section 11 of the understand that any forms of Opticians Act, 1958. The sex play or intercourse will be decision came after a trial last with my full consent".

The contract signed by two women, aged 23 and 35, said in

and making love.

costs after admitting drugs and

sex offences.

Mr Andrew Mirams, for the

optical council, told vesterday's

hearing that Mr Harris had

advertised for a live-in house-

keeper in a local newspaper and

had persuaded two women to

sign a sex contract after

drugging them with cannabis

welcomed sex and wanted it"

The damages will be paid by

Mr Kelly, aged 23, of

## £102,000 for sex loss man

the judge said.

north London.

now. I just work hard."

Mr Jonathan Kelly, whose sexual life was ruined in a car crash, was awarded £102,000 damages in the High Court

Mr Kelly, a computer operator, was 17 when he suffered a "frightening catalogue" of injuries in the crash in 1977, Mr Justice Comyn said.

"Here is a young man who

#### Woman can remain in kitchen

Mrs Jean Wright, aged 51. has won a legal fight to spend her working life cooking and washing up for 150 nmales. In a 43-page decision, a Birmingham industrial tribunal ruled yesterday that the Prison Officers Association was guilty of sex discrimination by threatening industrial action if the Home Office did not move Mrs Wright from her job as a kitchen supervisor, at the Warrington House detention centre for young offenders in Staffordshire, to other work in a woman's prison.

The tribunal's reserved decision makes it unlawful for a union 10 strike or threaten action against a woman. Mr Louis Blom-Cooper. QC. for the association, had argued that Mrs Wright was a security risk because she could not

#### search the male prisoners. Teacher 'lost job over baby' A former convent school

teacher, Miss Eileen Flynn, told an employment appeals tribunal in co Wexford in the Irish Republic yesterday that she lost her job because she became pregnant The head of the Holy Faith

Order told an earlier hearing that Miss Flynn was dismisse living with a married man.

## Nilsen verdicts

The Hornsey coroner, Dr David Paul, directed a jury yesterday to return verdicts of unlawful killing on nine victims of Dennis Nilsen. Four of the victims were unidentified.

#### year and the figures are expected to continue rising. Mr Brittan said he gave Mr Brittan will not only try to stem heroin trafficking but notice that he would not also strike at abuse of a various hesitate to issue a temporary pharmaceutical drugs. The measures have been under discussion for some time. order to stop doctors pescribing while they are under investigation for prescribing irrespon-Mr Brittan said that the British Government is already The Home Secretary said he working closely with Pakistan -

prescribing doctors.

would also seek to introduce which provides 80 per cent of Britain's illicit heroin - and legislation for the confisciation by the courts of the proceeds of Britain is now planning to provide £180,000 to strengthen crime. He said: "We must hit the criminals who profit from Pakistani policing
For some time a British
customs officer has been working part-time in Karachi. Next the misery of drug addiction and hit them hard" The final section of the

that the United Kingdom is to

sign the 1971 Convention on

Psychotropic Drugs, which is aimed at controlling the move-

ment of many pharmaceutical

drugs often abused in the Third

World. Britain has been slow to

sign and was in danger of

becoming isolated.

The Home Secretary an-

nounced that a synthetic opiate

called dipipanone or Dicanol

would in future be prescribed

only by specially licensed doctors. The drug is widely used

by young multiple drug abusers

and is the centre of a large black

market partly fuelled by over-

The Misuse of Drugs Act is to be widened to include some of

the barbiturate drug family

which are also subject to wide

government strategy involves greater education to persuade people, especially the young,

#### Wives earn Government sues over home budget cruise leak

By David Walker Working wives, who some ministers believe should stay at home, contribute an important sum to family budgets, according to the latest official survey on how the British spend their

year a customs officer will be

At the same time a senior

much of

posted full-time in Pakistan.

The average gross weekly income in households in which a married woman goes out to work full or part time is nearly a third higher than in those in which she does not have paid employment, according to the Family Expenditure Survey for

last year. The figures, issued by the Department of Employment, how that between 1981 and last year bousehold income rose, after tax and national insurance by 51/2 per cent.

Households spent about £134 shows (below).

Comparing the income of households where the breadwinner is unemployed with that of working households, the survey shows a significant drop in their wellbeing between 1981 and last

year.
Family Expenditure Surrey 1982,
Department of Employment
(Stationary Office, £14).

Average weekly bousehold expenditure

Housing (rent, mortgage, repairs, rates the driver, Mr Leslie Evans, of Finchely Road, Golders Green, Tobacco Clothes, shoes Gloucester Avenue, Primrose Appliances, inc TV and insur. Hill, north London, said: "I don't have much social life

# The Government sued The

Guardian newspaper in the High Court in London yester-day in an effort to identify the "mole" who leaked a secret memorandum about the delivery of cruise missiles to Greenham Common.

Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, and Sir Michael Havers, QC, Attorney General, asked Mr Justice Scott to order The Guardian to hand over, unmutilated, a copy of the memorandum delivered anonymously and published in the Mr Simon Brown for the

minister and the Attorney General submitted that the Government was entitled to have the document returned unmutilated "so that the leake mav be

The newspaper is resisting the move, claiming that it is entitled to protect

anonymous source under the Contempt of Court Act, 1981. The memorandum was from Mr Heseltine to the Prime Minister Return was sought "in the interests of national security",

Mr Brown said. The documents bore origin markings and the newpapers's unmutilated copy could identify which of the seven originals was leaked In a sworn statement read by Lord Rawlinson, QC, for the paper, Mr Peter Preson, the editor, said he considered that the document could be classi-

fied as a political memorandum beween colleagues with no national security implications. Judgment is expected today.

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## NATIONAL SAVINGS INCOME BONDS NS

By Bill Johnstone ctronics Correspondent The first shipments of the Sinclair pocket television set which was launched in September have been sent to customers in Britain nearly a central London. it.au ite month later than expected, pricipally because of production More than 5,000 have been placed with Sinclair for the two-Lang est inch flat-screen television. 1111 SER It is unlikely that the backlog will be cleared before Christ-mas, but by the end of January, if the company realizes its targets, 10,000 of the sets will be can still apply directly to the Lords for leave. manufactured each month. A national advertising campaign is scheduled for Jaunary. At the launch of his revolutionary television, the minute black and white screen of which is the result of six years'

> and that the produce would initially be available only through direct mail order. The television, which retails

demand would outstrip supply

the price of its closest rivals. I local residents' associations. Murder case doctor is

banned from driving Dr Robert Jones, whose wife was found murderd in October. was fined £100 yesterday and disqualified from driving for 12

Coggeshall, Essex, pleaded guil-

to driving with one and a half times the legal limit of alchohol. He was ordered to pay £50 COSES. The magistrates refused to accept submissions by Mr Oliver Sells, for Dr Jones, that stances under which they might consider not disqualifying him. Dr Jones has been under pressure form the publicity

surrounding his wife's disappearance, Mr. Sell said. Mrs Diana Jones disappeared on July 23. Her body was found near Brightwell, Suffolk, in

Sussex Police have denied

em to take a breath test at

that they used random drink-

driving checks when they stopped motorists and required

the start of a Christmas road

safety campaign. One in four drivers failed the test.

The times and places of

stops were advertised in ad-

vance, Mr David Bryant, a

Sussex pelice spokesman, said.

stopped for a general check of

vehicles under section 159 of

the Road Traffic Act, 1972.

This says that a driver must

comply with a uniformed officer's signal to step and give

an officer time to carry out his

If an officer suspects that a

driver, when stopped, has alcohol in his body above the

A policeman in uniform may

require a breath test to be taken

A person driving, attempt-

ing to drive or in charge of a

public place has alcohol in his

body or has committed a

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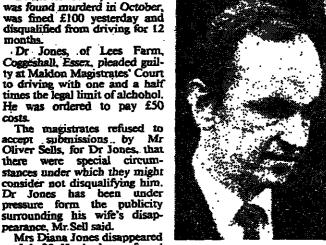
when he reasonably suspects

limit a test would be given.

A sample of drivers was

12. "

threat



Dr Jones after the hearing at

#### Firms in talks to save TV satellite By Bill Johnstone

Representatives from the companies expecting to design and manufacture the BBC's television satellite met government ministers yesterday in a final attempt to ensure that the £350m project is not aborted. Mr Leon Brittan, Home Secretary, and Mr Douglas

Hurd, minister responsible for broadcasting, represented the Home Office, and Mr Norman Cebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, and Mr Kenneth Baker, Minister for Information Technology, represented the Department of

Trade and Industry.

Government advisers are divided on whether the BBC should be directed to sign a contract with the satellite

Maldon yesterday.

Police deny using random breath tests By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

One driver in four fails checks

vehicle on the road or other public place had alcohol in his body and still has alcohol in his body; or A person who has been driving, attempting to drive or been in charge of a motor vehicle on a road or other public place has committed a

driving, attempting to drive or

been in charge of a motor

moving traffic offence. A policeman, who need not necessarily be in uniform, may require a breath test - if an accident occurs because of the presence of a motor vehicle on a road or other public place -from any person whom he has easonable cause to believe was driving or attempting to drive or was in charge of a vehicle at

the time of the accident. A breath test may be required to be taken at or near the place where the requirement is made or at a police station specified by the policeman if there has been an

A policeman may acrest without warrant any person if he has reasonable cause to suspect that the prescribed

A person who has been limits are being exceeded or if a person fails to take a breath

> The breath tests carried out at the roadside are for screening purposes. If the tests show that a driver may be over the limit, he will be taken to a police station for further tests. A policeman may require a rson at a police station to

take a breath test unless it is

not practicable to use the

machine, or the person cannot use it for medical reasons, or it is suspected that the person may have taken drugs. In such cases, a specimen of blood (the usual choice) or urine may be There is no right to ask for a blood or urine test unless the reading from the breath analy-

50 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath. The police, however, have the right to select which sample is taken.

sis machine is between 35 and

The prescribed limit of alcohol is 35 micrograms of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath; 80 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millillitres of blood: 107 milligrams of

alcohol per 100 millilitres of

The presumption that the

at the time of the aicobol alleged offence was not less than the evidence obtained may be rebutted if the accused person can prove that he or she had consumed alcohol after driving attempting to drive, or being in charge of the vehicles. It must also be proved that had this alcohol not been consumed in the intervening period, the prescribed limit would not have been exceeded

There is a statutory of defence when the alleged offence is for "being in charge", if it can be proved that the circumstances at the time were such that there was no likelihood of driving while the prescribed limit was exceeded.

or the ability to drive not

impaired.

The penalty for refusing to submit to a test without a reasonable excuse is a fine of up to £200. Procedures provide for a driver categorized as a problem drinker being medically examined and being permitted to resume driving only after effective treatment

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Cunningham: Rates will be

dictated from Whitehall

will be set purely on political grounds and will be totally

unrelated to the genuine needs in these communities, the needs of the elderly, children, the disabled and others in receipt of local authoritiy

Mr Jenkin: On the contrary, it

reflects the needs of high spending authorities because the target methodology is based on the GRE.

Many of these authorities have

assessed needs under the GRE which reflect the real social

deprivation in their areas.

That does not justify those authorities spending in a profligate

way, increasing manpower, putting huge burdens on their ratepayers

and then claiming it is necessary t relieve social problems in their are

Sir Anthony Grant (South West

or Anthony Grant (South West Cambridgeshire, C: Those councils, like Cambridgeshire, which have over the years exercised prudent financial control and directly suffer under the RSG uonetheless agree

with the need to curb the loony

Mr Jenkin: Cambridgeshire

exactly the kind of low spending

stands to gain once we have it in our

power to curb what he refers to as

Mrs Angela Rambold (Mitcham and Morden, C): Can he indicate whether, if the 16 profligate ambornies had not been so

profligate, the remaining authorities might have had a more flexible RSG

Mr Jenkin: That is right. If we did

not face the massive overspend by

20 per cent of authorities who are

would not have had to seek the

savings across the board that we did.

Mr Allan Roberts (Bootle, Lab):

This RSG statement is not an attack on overspending authorities but on those in need of services provided by local authorities. It is a worthy

Christmas present from this

If Charles Dickens was alive today he would have been saying that Tory fact is even stranger than

Mr Jenkin: There are plenty of

authorities with majority parties of all political persuasions who have effectively faced up to the responsi-

bility of fiving within their targets; 80 per cent of them, including many

Mr Anthony Beaumout-Dark (Bir-mingham, Selly Oak, C): Does he

really think that making councils into elected quangos is not telling

people that rates are going to be able to drop more than they really are? Is he not making a rod for his own back in addition to taking away

back in addition to taking away democracy from elected people?

Mr Jenkin: He is using extravagan

language in suggesting that a local anthority whose spending is to be subject to a cash limit is being

turned into a quango. It will remain

discretion over how it spends the money available to it. Those who

argue that this is the end of local

Lab: By his attempts to control the spending of a few local authorities he has brought us to the threshold of constitutional crisis which is deeply

worrying even to many Conserva

Mr Jenkin: The argument about a constitutional crisis is absurd. There is a convention that spending should remain within the total approved by the Commons. We are

faced with a minority of authorities which have cast that convention to

Mr Eric Heffer, chief Opposition

spokesman on housing and con-struction: He is supposedly the Merseyside minister. How can he honestly say Merseyside local authorities, particularly the Liver-pool one, are overspenders when

there is a great social need - high memployment, poverty, depri-vation and the terrible conditions which masses of our people live in?

Mr Jenkins: Merseyside has had

hundreds of millions of pounds of government aid in the last two or

government and in the last two or three years – far more than any other area. That is the Govern-ment's recognition of the problems there. But that does not absolve the local authorities from seeking to budget sensibly, economically and efficiently.

Labour controlled authorities.

Government to those in need.

ing miles above their target we

services.

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State for the Environment, in a

of local authority current

mount of and method of

distributing Rate Support Grant to

local authorities; and third, the arrangements for grant holdback for

authorities who spend above target.
There is of course a fourth clement – namely the level of rates

local authority in the light of its own spending decisions and of the impact of the other three elements.

still budgetted to overspend by a

further £770m or 3.8 per cent.
In the context of our policy of holding public spending in check -a

policy repeatedly endorsed by this House - such substantial over-

spending cannot be ignored. In order to keep total public spending

under control, other spending programmes have to be cut,

including local authorities' own

capital spending.

Those who complain loudest

about restrictions on capital spend-ing are often those who have forced

them on us by excessive current spending.

are equally to blame. On the contrary, around 80 per cent of all

authorities are budgetting this year to spend at or within 2 per cent

above target. The great bulk of the overspend arises from the decisions of the remaining 20 per cent of authorities to spend above those

authorities to spend above those levels - some of them by tens of

Indeed, no more than sixteen

authorities are responsible for around three quarters of the total

overspend As the House knows, it

is the Government's intention to

deal directly with that problem of

which I hope to introduce before

another day. This statement relates

1984-85, which of course cannot

be affected by the proposed.

For the next year, therefore, we

reductions in local authority current

same time, we must make a greater

Since August I have been

consulting local authorities on the

met a great many deputations from individual councils, and we have

from many more.
As the House will see, we have

current spending for 1984-85 is 120,400m an increase of over

But that must be for

Of course, not all local authorities

within the targets be had set.

are likely to receive priority for others had done in providing that overall growth in the places in the home. laces in the home.

residential homes and hoped to market this year will have been Mr Derek Damerell, chief learn from others mistakes, to between 2 and 3 per cent, and

executive of BUPA, said that provide a high standard of care BUPA's forecast is about 3 per the project was experimental, at reasonable cost.

The home will be aimed chiefly

BUPA was not, however,

at the over-75s, the "frail considering providing insurance elderly", whose number is for such accommodation be-

rate bill for some largets for most high spenders

The strangehold successive represent a cash cut of up to 6 per ministers have placed on local authorities is to be further tightened authorities is to be further tightened

Jenkin predicts lower

In the light of the representations Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of since August, I am proposing three minor changes which will have the Mr Jenkin: He asked if the targets statement to the Commons, held

The three changes, which all even cuts in rates for some people. operate to reduce the budget of seline and so increase the local authorities budgetted to spend readroom for next year, cover Mr Jenkin said: Local authority oudgeted transfers from housing current spending forms part of the total of public expenditure. For next year, the House endorsed that total evenue account: budgeted interes per cent of expenditure: and in the debate following the publication of the Antumn Stateexpenditure more than 2 per cent below target for 1983-84. The third The Rate Support Grant report which is published today deals with three elements which bear on the target an incentive to

Even with these changes, the largets are tough for everyone, but spending. These are, first, the targets for individual authorates which, in aggregate, relate to the total figure in the Autumn Statement; second, the they are much tougher on the minority of high spending auth-orities where the biggest scope for

Exchequer grant for next year will be £11,900m. £90m more than in the current year. It is 51.9 per co relevant expenditure compared with 52.8 per cent for this year. Although their are a number of year. Antitional changes in the method of distributing the grant to local authorities, these should have only a limited effect on the individual

in each of the last four years, local authority current spending has far exceeded the provision made in the The third element in the settlement is the grant holdback. As the House knows, the system is intended to reinforce the pressure of public expenditure White Papers. In each RSG settlement, therefore, my predecessors have had to take account of this by increasing the impact of overspending falls on provision for the following year.
For instance, for the current year, ratepayers to whom local authorities general body of taxpayers. 1983-84, the provision was in-creased this time last year by about t1.100m. or around 6 per cent.

For authorities which exceed their target, I confirm the pattern of holdback proposed in October. At ratepayer level, holdback will be at the rate of 2p in rate poundage terms for the first I percentage point terms for the first I percentage point of overspend: 4p for the second: 8p for the third; and 9p for each percentage point above that.

Next, disregards. Certain spend-ing is disregarded, that is, it does not count against an authority's spending for the purposes of the target and holdback regime. As this year, we shall disregard increased urban programme expenditure by partner-ship and programme authorities, and increased expenditure on civil For next year, there will be an

additional disregard. I propose to disregard increased expenditure on community care schemes are jointly financed with health authorities. I hope that this by local authorities. The House will wish to know the impact of all this on the level of

rates.
If local authorities budget to spend in line with the targets I have set, the average increases facing ratepayers next year should be very For some ratepayers, there could be rate reductions. High rates are unfair to ratepayers, damaging to industry's competitiveness and destructive of jobs. It is now up to each local authority to take its spending decisions in the light of the announcements I have made and with a clear view of the impact of those decisions upon their rate-

must sustain pressure for real Dr John Cunningham, chief Opposition spokesman on the environment, (Copeland, Lab): How will he explain to local authorities that the distinction between the majority of black grant for next year represents local authorities who have made cilioris to find economies and the with 1983/84, without acknowledgeminority of high spenders who have ing a major increase in rates which will result, and which will be well above the rate of inflation? Will be confirm that the total of

main proposals for next year's targets for 1984/85 he has just extlement. There have been two announced will be over £400m meetings of the Consultative below local authorities' budgets in the current year, and therefore much more below their budgets for individual councils, and we have is it not true that, after provision occurred written representations for inflation, the Government is

asking local authorities to cut back by £1,450m or almost 7 per cent in

As the Prouse will see, we have taken account of some of the points raised with us in the settlement which I am announcing today. The main features are as follows.

Provision for local authority current spending for 1984-85 is 121) 400m an increase of over described these ceilings as unachievable and entailing severe cuts in budgets and services?

1.20.400m an increase of over 1.500m on the provision made in last February's public expenditure white Paper. The aggregate of targets comes to just over this figure 1.20.500m. This is about 3 per cent ingher than the total of targets for the current year. The basis of fixing targets remains broadly as I proposed in August.

The distinction between low pending and high spending authorities will be much more marked next year than bitherto. The targets

oraties will be much more market ancit year than hitherto. The targets for most low spending authorities represent a cash increase of 3 per cent over their budget this year. The

to the point where budgets and rates will be dictated from Whitehall.

effect of increasing targets for some were not impossibly tough and 107 authorities. services. The answer is no. The cent more than the targets for this year and that is not unreasonable in the present circumst

The targets are framed to put th spenders and many of these are authorities which have made no effort at all to reduce their spending scope for economies im such authorities without jeopardizing He asked if it is a real terms cut.

any position to put a figure on what that means because it all depends on how fast the costs of local Some 70 per cent of local

authority costs are on wages and if local government achieve low wage settlements this year a 3 per cent ash increase will mean only a small real terms cut.

I do not disguise the fact that we are having to ask for economies across the board in local govern-ment and in the rest of the public

Bernard Braine (Castle Point, C): Why should a low spending, well administered county like Essex, which for years has kept its expenditure under control, be lized because of the irresponsible behaviour of high spending local authorities?

savings from all authorities. That is not always wholly fair. If we can limit the rates of the highest ers perhaps we can deal in a little more relaxed way with those who have hadgeted responsibly. Mr Brian Sedgemore (Hackney statement will be greeted with dismay in the local community and



Beaumont-Dark: Making councils into quangos

may well set off a fuse which will lead to disorder and the complete breakdown of local government. Mr Jenkin: The extravagance of his

Mr Jenkin: the expravagance of his language is unworthy of him. Hackney's problems are beginning to come home to roost. What the people of Hackney will object to is the appallingly high rates which will be charged on them as a result of the council's profligacy. Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop (Tiver-

nt rating system as an unius form of taxation will be bound to vote against an order which increases the proportion of local government expenditure funded by inherently unjust form of Mr Jenkin: He is entitled to his

view. No Government has fought harder for an alternative system of local authority finance. There is no alternative which appears to command any consensus. The Government has decided to stick with the rate system.

Mr William O'Brien (Normanton, Lab): This means further hardship for local government. What he has related is a further admission that the Government has failed in its philosophy and promise to abolish

Mr Jenkin: The Government recognizes that the targets are tough. The budgeted spending of local authorities is running far ahead of the amounts approved by the House. In these circustances we have to ask local authorities to make economies to keep their total spending in line with the total which this House approved as recently as

Many local authorities have shown that they can make savings by increasing efficiency without cutting services. It is time that the rest did. Mr Christopher Smith (Islington

South and Finsbury, Lab): His statement that the targets will be particularly tough on high spending authorities reveals that his targets

## **BBC** attacked over sex and violence language and action and thought the decline in the standards of the police

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obligation to reform and strengthen the obscere publications legislation as a first step to the BBC and IBA restraining offensive material in their television programmes. Lord Nagent of Guildford (C) said when he opened a debate in the House of Lords on the BBC annual report.

Giving examples of what went over on television screens, he said. that in a BBC programme for youngsters they were shown three relationships for their future lives. The first was an engaged couple to be conventionally married; the second, a couple not married couple of homosexuals.

To teach youngsters (he said) that promiscuity and perverted relationshins are a serious alternative to marriage as a way of life is both dangerous and irresponsible. It is treating them as bodies without The BBC defended this pro-

gramme as being educational A second example was on ITV which showed a picture of the crucifixion with Christ with a cigar in his mouth as a parody for an advertisement for eigars. The IBA had the grace to apologize. He was concerned about the

erosion of standards in national life. The trend of television programmes showing more sex and violence influenced young minds to contrib-

Lord Misheon, for the Opposition, criticized the Yesterday in Parliament programme for leaving out important debates in the House of Lords which, he said, many members of the public would have Lord Taylor of Gryfe (SDP) said the

two broadcasting systems should not regard them selves as being in strict competition. They should induce into this area a degree of coexistence between the two systems rather than feel that all the time they were competing in the The Bishop of Norwich (the Rt Rev Maurice Wood) wondered if in th

sacred name of freedom they needed to have as much bad language on TV "for the sake of verisimilitude". Constant vigilance was needed on the part of the corporation in terms of blasphenty and obscenity. Lady Lane-Fox (C) said a large part

of the blame for the lowering of standards lay with the scriptwriters and playwrights. She had at one time thought of making a career of scriptwriting but found the use of four letter words was advised in making scripts sound more natural. She hoped scriptwriters and buyers of scripts would find themselves outdated in their beliefs. The many complaints about BBC crisper, less grubby appetite which

Lord Jenkins of Putney (Lab) said he believed the present standard of the BBC in representing for example, the depiction of sexual ships, was about right and ent-imposed restrictions He was concerned at the casual Demand for

shackle

export ban

A Midlands firm was making and

exporting gang chains, kg shackles and similar things to countries where there were violations of human rights, Mr Alfred Dubs (Battersea, Lab) said during Com-

mons questions.
He said such things could be used.

for coercion, degredation and torture, and asked Mr Norman Tebbit, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, to take powers

Mr Tebbit: I note what he says. It is not clear that the truth of the matter

is entirely established. While there are no international understandings

on such exports, if this country did not export! them somebody else would (Labour interruptions.)

Mr Peter Hardy (Wentworth, Lab), said that MPs on both sides had

supported him when he said there should be restraint in exporting

instruments designed to administer electric shocks to people in penal

Mr Tebbit: He raises a fair point. I

bave not excluded taking action. I am explaining some of the problems in making any action effective. We

to stop these exports.

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exports particularly and, if neces-sary, prohibiting exports which could be used for repression, for We take action in some of these

cases. It is sometimes not easy to conclude the purpose for which

#### Trade deficit arithmetic questioned

Mr Peter Shore, chief Opposition spokesman on Trade and industry, asked during Commons questions how the adverse trend in Britain's manufacturing, trade could be reconciled with comments by Mr reconciled with comments by Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, about improving the the competitiveness of British industry

Mr Shore asked Mr Tebbit if he denied that last year there was a surplus on Britain's manufacturing trade of about £2,500m and that this year, on current trends, it looked like beign a deficit of £2,000m. Can Mr Tebbit recall any year in

which a more massive adverse movement in our balance of trade

#### Peers claim whisky is medicine

A nies for a reduction in taxation on Scotch whisky was made by Lord Soothby (Ind) during Lords question time, when he said it was a better medicine than any drug, but the penal taxation but its comforts beyond the reach of all but the well-

might be due in some part to the

way they were portrayed on

Lady Saltonn (Ind) said television

had largely replaced books, games,

conversation, newspapers, and the

cinema as principle sources of entertainment for most families and

so children gained much of their experience from it.

Therefore sex, violence, torture and horror which came into the

home via television, ought to be

returned to the cinema where it could be controlled by certification

and those under 18 excluded by law.

Lord Howard of Henderskell, a

former Chairman of the BBC, said he had always attached enormous

importance to the accountability o

the BBC, first by its Charter through which it was directly accountable to

The BBC had endevoured to improve that accountability.

The Earl of Halsbury (Ind),

former governor of the BBC, said that what was lacking was leader-ship at the top. The type of complaints which Mrs Whitehouse sens to the BBC would have been

unthinkable in Lord Reith's day.

Carlton Greene who initiated the

ermissive age liked bawdy jokes, ade no secret of it, and did not see

what was wrong with it.

Swearing had a social function but it could be overdone.

Lord Beloff (C) said that many

Lord Elton, Under Secretary, Home

Office, said the chairman and director general of the BBC had

Leon Brittan) this week to tell him

of the current state of their thinking

on direct broadcasting by satellite

Their present plans would enable DBS to come to figurion although

perhaps not on the original timetalbe envisaged.

On violence in broadcasting, he

of its charter had to exclude anything which offended against

anything which offended against good taste and decency, was likley to

incite to crime or disorder, or be offensive to public feeling.

Successive governments had taken the view that broadcasting

should not be subject to government control and so responibility for

standards had been placed in the hands of the broadcasting auth-

orities independent of government.

their own judgments about what

would be acceptable to viewers and

listners taking account of such things as the timing of programmes, the way subjects were treated and

the changing public attitude and

the judgment of the authorities would always be challenged.

their programmes. But despite complaints, which made up only a

The authorities should be fully sponsive to public reaction of

Those were difficult matters and

On issues such as sex and

nce the authorities had to make

public who were the viewers.

Lord Boothby said: What possible justification is there for continuing to tax Scotch whisky much more heavily than imported fortified wines?

Lord Cockfield, for the Government replied: Tradition and the needs of the revenue (laughter).

Lord Boothby: Does the Government realise that in the modern world. Scotch whisky is about the only thing left that brings guaran-teed and sustained comfort to What is the purpose of pursuing a

policy which, by means of penal taxation on a particular commodity. deprives us all of its comfort except for the comparatively well-to-do and simultaneously reduces the revenue to the Exchequer, damages the export trade and constitutes a erious threat to the economy of Scotland where many distilleries are acing possible closure?

Lord Cockfield: I appreciate his centiments. Taxation on Scotch whisky raises approximately 1,200m a year which is not an insignificant sum. During lifetime of this Governm taxation on Scotch whisky, the excise duty, has increased by 45.5 per cent while the duty on fortified Lora beauty (c) was a degree of completency at the BBC which was inevitable in a bureaucracy. wines has increased by 76.9 p cent. The Government has therefor significantly shifted the burden of axation away from whisky.

As this is the season of good will might I mention that since 1970 under four successive government of different political complexions, the total taxation on whisky in real terms, has declined by 45 per cent. Lord Shinwell (Ind): As this liquid is in general consumption by peers and many cannot do without it medicine, could it be referred to the expenses with the suggestion it be included as being set a expenses incurred? (laughter).

Lord Cockfield: Unfortunately I committee on peers' expenses. The Government has taken a number of measures to assist the whisky industry, for example a substantial measure of duty deferment for wines and spirits was introduced which improved the cash flow of the whisky industry by £200m and the Government has secured a refund from the European Community on about £100m. The Bishop of Nerwich (the Rt Rev Maurice Wood) who said that

although he was not a whisky drinker himself, perhaps a tax free day-might be set aside to celebrate Lord Boothby's 100th birthday. I might (he added) be tempted on that day myself. Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Telecommunications Bill, third reading Lords (3): Restrictive Trade Practices (Stock Exchange) Bill, second reading.

small proportion of the lettes sent to the BBC, the Government could not proceed as if there were sufficient greviences to make wholesale reforms of the law. have a general block on supporting 1 competitive in a major way, what do about it?

## Mr Tebbit: He does not apply his

mind to the basic arithmetic. Is he scriously suggesting that we should run a huge surplus on manufactured goods, oil and invisibles, and erve our cu the Japanese do it. Does he suggest we should adopt Japanese trading practices and wreck the whole of the world's trade structure?

#### 'Come home' call to car designers

The Government is determined to enhance the status of designers and their role in Britain's economic fight back, Mr John Butcher, Under Secretary for Trade and Industry, told MPs during questions. Mr Alan Williams, an Opposition spokesman on trade and industry,

had said it was a major blow to this objective that United States car capability to the continent. Mr Butcher: Our representations

on the design front are wide ranging. It is certainly the case that a number of foreign cars, including German cars which have high import penetration into this country, are movement in our balance of trade has taken place (he added) apart from the fact that this is the first year in our recorded history when we have had a deficit on manufactured goods?

If this is clear evidence that British industry is ceasing to be on the design front are wide ranging. It is certainly the case that a number of foreign cars, including German cars which have high import penetration into this country, are designed by British people.

We have to create opportunities for these people to come back.

Reith lecture

#### Call for 'free' royal commissions

A permanent royal commission with a pool of 200
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unlikely to find favour with his
former master. Mrs Margaret
"independent and statesmanilke investigations" into issues
of public importance: was
advocated last night by Sir mission
Douglas Wass former Permanents. Douglas Wass, former Perma-nent Secretary to the Treasury, in the year's final BBC Reith Unlike previous royal com-missions, the Wass-model

would have powers to pick its own subjects for investigation. Sir Douglas said he could think of many matters that would benefit from "dispassionate and authorative investigation free from party and sectional preju-He mentioned the political

supervision of the police, the relevance of the social security system to poverty and incen-tive, and the financing of higher education. He would be happy to accept the risk that the commission would investigate constitutional issues such as proportional representation, the jury system, and the disestab-lishment of the Church of England,

In the code used by former officials, an indirect attack on

the more dogmatic Thatcherites was detectable when Sir Douglas turned to the need for empirical research and evidence as a basis for policy-making. There are some politicians of a more ideological cast of

mind, who are unenthusiastic. Facts can be uncomfortable bedfellows alongside dogmatic Sir Douglas's reason for

backing a "super' royal commission was his desire for public knowledge and partici-pation to be enriched. Appointments would be for a

fixed period. They would reflect a spread of ages, backgrounds, and professions.

The crucial link between the subject matter of investigation and the government of the day, which in the past has always picked it, would be broken.



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#### Geoffrey Smith

For the second time within a week the Speaker found is necessary on Toesday to ask Mr Kinnock, with courtesy and as much delicacy as he thought appropriate, not to overdo it at stion Time. The previous Wednesday the

Speaker had sought, without immediate success, to bring to a conclusion Mr Kinnock's marathon multi-question to the Prime Minister on her Athens statement. This week it was when Mr Kinnock rose to par his fourth successive question to Mrs Thatcher that the Speaker intervened. These episodes naturally

Conservative benches. But that

was not particularly significant. A party leader must expect tobe jeered by the opposing team. It is when he upsets his own party that he needs to worry. The Leader of the Oppo-. sition can exercise his preroga-tive to ask an unlimited number. of questions, but if he does so he reduces the amount of time: available to other members of his party to put their questions again on Tuesday the expression on Mr Dennis Skinner's face was a study. He too had a contribution to make, which he will not have considered less relevant or telling

Mr Kinnick's mistake is . almost certainly to attach too importance to these ionsts with Mrs Thatcher, He+ should appreciate that most leaders of the Opposition over the past 30 years have gone on to win a general election afterhaving come off worse in their encounters with the Prime Minster at Question Time. The advantages of the

than Mr Kinnock's.

oremiership are so great that à ' wise Leader of the Opposition will not strive too desperately. be careful to conduct himself in a a way that will not damage. morale on his backbenches. Behind the leader,

a seething ambition

politics is that while the opencombat is between parties, the competition that really matters to a politician is within his own party. In the Labour Party he will need the support of his peers to be elected to the Shadow Cabinet. In any party he will have to win the favour of his superiors to be given office.

Behind any leader there is a mass of seething, frustrated ambition, striving for the attention of the party. If he fails to take account of that he will not long retain the confidence of his supporters; but so long as he is sustained by his party he will not come to much harm in the House of

The critical parliamentary moments are not when both sides are shonting at each other. It is when one is on the rampage and the other is sitting in embarrassed silence. But for a politician really to exercise authority in the house he must command attention from members of other parties as

#### The macabre charm of Norman Tebbit

This comes most easily when they are simply inter-ested to hear what he has to say. Dr Owen, especially on foreign affairs, is listened to with respect these days. Mr Healey has been providing his new leader with an object lesson in the art of harrying a government at the drop of any international crisis. He has done this partly by deploying his massive knowledge of foreign affairs with oportunistic skill: and partly by force of personality. He has the experi-ence and the confidence that comes from the extinction of hope. He knows now that he can never make it to the top.

Force of personality is also Mr. Tebbit's greatest parliamentary strength. He gives the impression of being sure of himself and his subject matter. Even for his most hostile critics he has a certain macabre fascination. They may shout at him, but they listen too.

Long experience is not essential, however, for parliamentary authority. One of the

newcomers to the Shadow Cabinet, Mr Robin Cook, has shown impressive glimpses of the necessary quality - though he has the advantage of being the Labour spokesman in a field, European affairs, where a number of Conservative members are sympathetic to his views. The one quality shared by

these and all other accomplished parliamentary performers is a sense of confidence. That is Mrs. Thatcher's greatest parliamentary strength. But assurance can sometimes be conveyed most eloquently by allowing others to do most of the

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## BUPA plans to build its first old people's home

The British United Provident expected to grow significantly in cause it was not an insurable

Association is to build a residential home for the frail elderly in Milton Keynes, in a radical departure from its traditional role of providing private health care and hospitals funded by insurance.

The 36-place home, which will cost £1.5m, will include six places for the mentally infirm.

The present scheme will be last year, which resulted in BUPA losing between 300 and

places for the mentally infirm, with a place expected to cost between £150 and £175 a week, others, charities, or possibly building societies, might become involved. The places will not be The home will include single insurers, offered lower rates. covered by BUPA insurance. and double rooms, with the six

finance their stay from their off from the rest of the building. The home will provide but in recent months the nursing cover, but the aim is to association has claimed to be provide a much of a domestic winning back business, arguing setting as possible for those that other insurers will need big living out their last years there, subscription rises which will Mr Mike Smith, director of restore BUPA's competitive BUPA Hospitals Ltd. said edge.
BUPA had examined what Mr Damerell said yesterday

The present scheme will be financed from BUPA's reserves, but if the hone is followed by others about it should be should be about it should be sh 350 company schemes covering almost 50,000 people. Its chief rivals, Private Patients Plan and Western Provident Association and the smaller commercial

by about I per cent this year,

she could sign the visitors' book. Lady Sherman told ber it was December 16, and it was left to a member of the audience to correct her. The Queen then toured the hospital, visiting two mixed



Seasonal cheer: The Queen at the opening of Newham Gen-eral Hospital in the East End of London, yesterday, with Lady Sherman, chairman of Newham Health Authority. After unveiling a plaque the Queen asked the date so that

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From Our Own Corners

# Franco-Spanish concord on Basque terrorism ends in renewed tension

After 2 brief honeymoon period between the French and Spanish authorities over the Basque terrorist issue following the election of a Socialist Government in Spain and promises of greater cooperation by the French, there is renewed tension between the two coun-

exasperation and anger. Spanish police feel that the French police are not doing nearly enough to crack down on members or supporters of ETA. the Spanish Basque terrorist organization, who have taken refuge in the French Basque country. French police feel that the Spanish police are flagrantly disrespecting French sovereignty by coming uninvited across the border in hot pursuit of suspected terrorists.

In October, four Spanish policemen were arrested in Bayonne after being caught redhanded in what looked like an attempt to "kidnap" a suspected leading ETA member as he was riding through the town on his motor cycle.

A French policeman saw four men in an unmarked car apparently deliberately crash into the motor cyclist. He intervened and the men, allof whom turned out to be members of the Spanish anti-terrorist squad, were charged with

A seamless woollen robe, traditionally believed to be that

worn by Jesus Christ on His

way to the Cross for which the

Roman soldiers drew lots, has been stolen from the St Denis

Basilica in Argenteul, to the

porth of Paris, where it has

extreme leftist French terrorist

group, and the payment out of

of 300,000 francs (£25,000) to

the Polish Solidarity movement

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From Our Own Correspondent, Paris

premeditated wounding and imprisoned. They were released last week, however, for want of sufficient evidence to bring the case to court.

Yesterday M Segundo Marey. aged 51, a businessman of Spanish origin from the French Basque border town of Hendays, was released after being kidnapped 10 days earlier by a previously unknown group calling itself the Anti-Terrorist Liberation Group.

An anonymous caller to a radio station in San Sebastian on the Spanish side of the border telephoned yesterday morning to say M Marey's kidnapping was a "warning" and that the group wanted to reply "blow by blow" to the violence perpetrated by ETA. the caller went on to make threats against French interests and personalities in Europe.

A similar message, written in broken French strewn with Spanish turns of phrase, was discovered on M Marey when was found cold and blindfolded under a tree near the frontier. The French police say that they think it was a case of mistaken identity, M Marey having been taken for an ETA sympathizer when he had no known political connexion of any kind.

However, two days after M Marey's kidnapping, an anony-

pry because it has the Prince of Monaco's money. And then,

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ary who was killed by religious

imperialists."

mous caller telephoned the Red Cross in San Sebastian to say that he would be set free in exchange for the release of the four Spanish policemen.

Maitre Jacques Torunaire, lawyer for the Spanish Consul-ate in Bayonne, who defended the four Spanish policemen, said that the Spanish Government was "exasperated" by the failure of the French authorities to cooperate with the Spanish police in their attempts to stamp out Basque terrorism.

Since the Socialists had come to power in Spain just over a year ago, there had been 500 ETA victims in Spain, including 49 deaths, he said. "Nowadays the terrorists who seek refuge in France do so because of what they have done, not because of what they think. Everyone knows perfectly well that the ETA leadership meets regularly on the French side of the border", he added.

· Extradititon refused: The French Government yesterday refused "for legal reasons" a Spanish request to extradite Señor Juan Domingo Martinez, an alleged extreme right-wing militant, who was condemned to death by the Spanish courts last July for the murder of a Communist militant in Madrid in May 1980.

#### Pentagon spies hooked on dial-a-porn

Critics of the Reagan Administration, who have de-nounced present high levels of defence spending as "obscene", have found that their criticism has been proved in a most

nnexpected way.
The Defence Inteligence A spokesman for the bishopric of Pontoise, in whose diocese St Denis Basilica lies, Agency, the Pentagon's version of the CIA, has been spending around \$25,000 (£18,000) a

\$300.000 a year.

Following his recommendations, an electronic "block" has been placed on the New York number which is offered exhibited in 1984. Tests undertaken last year showed that the robe dated back to the beginning of the Christian era. It is said to be by a sex magazine called High given by Charlemagne in the year 800 to his daughter Society and which provides, recorded message of a woman's Théodore, abbess at Argenvoice describing sex acts.



Toast to peace: President-elect Lusinchi of Venezuela (right) and President Monge of Costa Rica raise their glasses after the latter's arrival in Caracas for talks on the Central American crisis.

#### Walesa falls ill and refuses

summons From Roger Boyes Warsaw

Mr Lech Walesa, the Solidarity leader and Nobel Peace Prize laureate yesterday refused to obey an official summons to the prosecutor's office saying that he had fever, and back pains.

Some of Mr Walesa's aides had suspected that the summons could be an attempt to dissuade the former union chief from delivering a speech tomorrow that is intended to chart Solidarity's future course

Last year, when Mr Walesa announced his intention of making a speech, he was bundled into a car by plain clothes policemen and driven around the town of Gdansk for several bours.

A spokesman for the Walesa household said yesterday that he had fever – a temperature of 38.4C (about 101F) - and rheumatic back pains. Im-plicitly, friends of Mr Walesa have linked his ailment with the harassment handed out by

Tomorrow is the thirteenth anniversary of the shooting of workers on the Baltic coast, and Mr Walesa had hoped to make use of the symbolism of that event, to present his new programme. The Solidarity underground has also called for protest marches.

## Contras sink their differences

The two main groups of anticoordinating their guerrilla attacks in northern Nicaragua. The announcement at a press conference in the Honduran capital, Tegucialpa, is the first real sign that the rival contra bands, are putting aside their deep differences and uniting their efforts to topple the Government in Manage

The Costa Rica-based Revolutionary Democratic Alliance (Arde), led by the renegade Sandinista hero, Señor Eden Pastora, said it was forming a northern front, to fight its way down through the huge eastern province of zelaya and join up with the main Arde force in the

A team of four Arde representatives said they have already held talks on coordinating operations with leaders of the CIA-backed Nicaraguan Democratic Front, (FDN), which is based in Honduras.

In the past Señor Pastora has shunned the FDN because its guerrillas are trained and led in the field by former members of the notorious National Guard of the late Nicaraguan dictator,



Alexis Arguello: Fighting in the mountains.

Tegucigalpa, Senor Miguel Uros Blanco, said his recruits in the north would receive training alongside the FDN, Arms were not immediately available, but supporters in El Salvador had donated 1,000 pairs of boots.

contras. Arde's development has been the most dramatic. It began fighting in M with only 300 men, and now claims to have 7,000 armed guerrillas in southern Nicaragua and another

2,000 awaiting weapons.
The US special envoy. Mr Richard Stone, visited Central America recently to convince the contras to work together. There have been suggestions in Washington that unless they do so, and start producing solid military results, their CIA funds may be withdrawn.

A Sandinista amnesty for rank-and-file guerrillas, de-signed to woo rebel peasants away from their squabbling leadership, may be another reason why the contras feel they must now start acting in unison. The contras are nothing if not

a bizarre collection. Speaking at the press conference was Nicaragua's former would boxing champion Alexis Arguello, who said he had been fighting with Senor Pastora in the mountains for the past months. Señor Arguello held three

world titles at different weights during a long career. He defeted Britain's Jim Watt for the

#### Der Spiegel faces court action on Lambsdorff

From Michael Binyon

The Bonn Public Prosecutor is considering whether to proceed against the weekly magazine Der Spiegel for publishing extracts from the text of the corruption charges against Otto Graf Lambsdorff, the Economics Minister.

The prosecutor has already asked his Hamburg colleague to open investigations into the magazine's latest report on the affair, and to compare this with the text of the official accusations. Lengthy quotation of such charges before a court case is brought is forbidden under German law.

Inquiries are also going on at the Justice Ministry of North Rhine-Westphalia to find the source of the leak in the past year, Der Spiegel has published ong and accurate accounts of the prosecutor's investigations.

Count Lambsdorff, who is accused of accepting bribes from the Flick group of companies in exchange for tax concessions, has made no statement on his future. But after reading the charges, his colleagues in the coalition Government now appear to have railled behind him, and believe that there is no reason for him to resign.

The Government does not expect the Bonn court to decide before April whether to stage a trial, and coalition circles tend to think that it will decide against doing so. Both the Christian Democrats and the count's colleagues in the Free Democratic Party feel that he would make a fool of himself if he were to resign now, only to have the charges dismissed ne months later.

Chancellor Kohl is expected to have a long talk with the count soon and then decide himself whether to keep him in office. The affair was probably also discussed on Tuesday at the Chancellor's meeting with Herr Franz Josef Strauss, the Bavarian Prime Minister.

The affair appears to have had little effect on the Government's popularity, which the latest opinion polls show to be now greater than it was before the debate on the deployment of Nato missiles.

A poll by the Allensbach Institute showed that 50.7 per cent of those asked would now vote for the Christian Democrats and 39 per cent for the Social Democrats. Both the Free Democrats and the Greens did poorly, however,

#### said yesterday that it did not been kept for the past 1,200 nastasio Somoza. Though the FDN is the lightweight crown in London in The Arde spokesman in largest of the five groups of 1981. intend to interfere in the work Anastasio Somoza. month on calls to a New York An anobymous caller teleof the police honed the Paris newspaper The robe, which is a dark 'dial-a-porn" number. police on the long journey on Tuesday to Gdansk from Czestechowa – where be Trudeau lashes out at his critics Liberation on Monday night, reddy-purplish colour, stained The Pentagon's Inspector before the theft had even been blood, was extremely General said in his semi-annual fragile and for that reason was report to Congress that the cost of such unauthorized use of the Czestechowa - where he dedicated his Nobel medal to discovered, to demand as From John Best, Ottawa ransom" the release from shown to the public only once ing dinner in Toronto on telephones could be as much as prison of three alleged memevery 50 years, the spoke the Virgin Mary. The Canadien Prime Minissaid. It was next due to be bers of action directe, an

ter Mr Pierre Trudeau, has Tuesday, the Prime Minister turned his back on Canadians gave every indication that he eagerly awaiting word on his retirement, and on "pip-

intends to pursue his initiative. retirement, and on "pipsqueaks" in the Pentagon who
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At a Liberal Party fund-rais-

use the occasion to signal his imminent departure

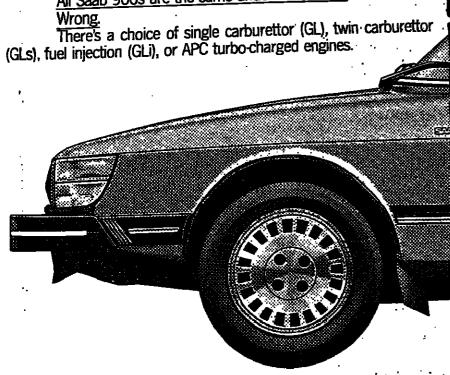
Teasingly, he intimated that his remaining time should be reckoned in years rather than weeks, days or months. "I'm sorry that this will be the last supper for some of you. Fil

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airports. All German civilians The 46 people whose trial just | already working with the British ended had been arrested after Army of the Rhine will be

> Sir Jock Taylor, the British Ambassador in Bonn, said on signing the agreement that the forward defence of the federal republic was also that of the United Kingdom.

## **British MEPs may** prevent freeze on £457m rebate

The European Parliament looks set today to vote to hold up payment of Britain's £457m budget rebate — but a strong lobby by British Euro-MPs of with a special budget council in both parties may yet prevent the freeze from being imple-

mented. The Parliament's own budget committee is recommending that the money is held in reserve and only released against assurances from member-states that it is spent on true Community policies. The intention is to release it

by March, which is Mrs in pushing for the budget to be Margaret Thatcher's deadline, approved in today's your This would be after the next Parliament hopes that essential Community reforms can at last be agreed.

For the freeze to be legally agreed, a minimum of 218 Euro-MPS will have to vote in favour of it and last night it seemed unlikely that this total would be reached. The British Conservative and Labour members have joined forces to oppose the move and yesterday evening they were seeking support from their traditional allies in other countries to help But the Conservatives, unlike

Labour, are not likely to vote to reject the entire EEC budget for next year. Although many of them were outraged by the She said Mrs Thather should attempt to freeze the British in future only pay the amount money, the advice from Downing Street was that it would be wrong to risk the anger which would be caused if the budget curret £100m net contribution. were rejected.

protest at the discriminatory way in which they believed the

The budget committee de Strasbourg the previous even-

The council showed rare unanimity in opposing any of the ideas which the Parliament wants to see followed for changing the way budget money

is spent. But the budget committee has backed away from a direct confrontation with the council approved in today's vote. Unlike the British MEPs, most members are anxious not to offend the agricultural lobby in the run-up to the direct election in June. Mr Neil Balfour, the Con-

servative spokesman for the budget committee, said that to discriminate against Britain would be "an insensitive act." He said that the Parliament ought not to nip the ankles of the British Government just because it has not got the courage of its own convictions. Mrs Barbara Castle, leader of the Labour group, called on Mrs Thatcher to withhold payment

to the Community budget "I say stop nagging Maggie and start to act". Mrs Castle She said Mrs Thather should

"We are calling on Mrs

Even so, some Conservative members were so outraged that they were talking last night of voting to reject the budget in "We are having to bail her out from her own feebleness. Sh is all posture and no performance. Parliament had been advised by It is Mrs Thatcher who will be its committee about the British putting the money in the putting the money in the farmers Christmas stockings.

#### Kohl 'go it alone' **EEC** call Harare (Reuter)-Zimbabwe denied

A Foreign Ministry spokesmaa yesterday dismissed as "absolutely absurd" reports that the Chancellor Kohl had

that the Chancellor Koni nad called for the six founding members of the European Community to go it alone indeciding European policy.

The spokesman said this was totally at odds with West German policy, which aims at agreement by all Community members, and which supported the nackage agreement worked. the package agreement worked out during the German presi-

exempt from German call-up during a crisis.

#### Zimbabwe sacks white airmen:

has terminated the employment contracts of three detained white Air Force officers, Mr Eddison Zvobgo, the Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Minister, said. But he told parliament that

the officers, redetained in August under emergency pow-ers after being acquitted of helping to sabotage Zimbabwe's main base last year, would receive their pensions and any other money owed to them. The officers are Wing Commander John Cox and Air Lieutenants Barrington Lloyd and Neville

#### Christmas pay Copenhagen (AP) - Filteen

manly Latin American seamen prepared to fly home consider-

Fool's gold
Sydney (Reuter) - Australia's largest uncut sapphire was among diamonds, gold and jewels worth more than 52m taken by a confidence trickster who bought a reputable jewciry firm and advertised for gems 10

## Israel hints officially it will not try to attack or kidnap Arafat

Despite a string of bellicose which has so tar disrupted all the carnage caused by fast public statements, the impression was growing yesterday that the Israelis would not attempt to attack or kidnap Mr. Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organization leader once he was aboard a foreign ship being evacuated from the

Lehanese port of Tripoli.

The first hint to this effect was given by Mr David Levy. the Deputy Prime Mikister. who told the French newspaper. Le Monde during an interview in Geneva that the Israeli Government did not "have the least intention of attacking the Pi O Men once the evacuation

was under way.
There was considerable anger in government circles here at Mr Levy's claim, which under-mined the carefully orchestrated Cabinet policy of maintaining the suspense until the last possible moment by flatly relusing to giv any public guarantee of the type being requested by a number of foreign governments.

One immediate result of what several observers were describ-ing last night as "Mr Levy's gaffe" was to further reduce his chances of securing the quick promotion to Foreign Minister which he has been demanding from Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the man who defeated him in the Mr Menachim Begin.

senior officials tried to restore the menacing note of ambiguity to Israel's policy

**Presidents** 

on trial

From Douglas I weedale

ordered the trial on murder and

torture charges of nine leaders

of the military regime which seized power in 1976. He also

called on Congress to enact a

sweeping package of human

broadcast speech on .Tuesday

night that he had ordered the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces to try the first three military juntas which ruled Argentina after the 1976 coup.

He said he was also seeking the

prosecution of seven left-wing terrorist leaders active during

The abberrant human rights

violations committed by terrorists and by the repres-

sion of them cannot remain unpunished", he said.

The military leaders, who

include former Presidents Jorge

Videla. Robert Viola and Leopoldo Galtieri, will be tried by the highest military court for

having ordered and planned the

campaign of repression against left-wing terrorists from 1976 to 1981. Between 7,000 and 30,000

Argentines are believed to have disappeared after being kidnapped by security forces.

In addition, President Allonsin summoned an extraordinary session of Congress to

consider seven legal reforms

which he said were necessary to

guarantee the broadest respect

for individual rights and the constitutional decision-making

At the top of the list of measures is the immediate

mother.

Promising to restore the rule of law in Argentina, Senor Alfonsin announced an a

rights reforms.

the early 1970s.

Arafatization plans and led Mr Arafatization look towards the possibility of a dangerous overland journey to Syria rather than risk facing the Israeli naval force patrolling the rough seas outside Tripoli harbour.

week's PLO bomb on a Jerusalem bus.

Mr Ariel Sharon, the former Detence Minister, has already cast himself in the role of leader of this populist stream by demanding Mr Arafat's "physical liquidation" in Tripoli Arafat's "physical liquidat

But backing for Mr Levy's assertion appeared to come from Mr Mordechai Zipori, the Communications Minister who said in Tel Aviv that although Israel had given no guarantee to the PLO terrorists, as a lawabiding nation, it would not attack foreign vessels. This had been the assumption made privately by a number of senior Western diplomats:

They regard Israel's policy of threats and brinkman hip as a calculated form of psychological warfare designed to delay the evacuation and to increase the chances of renewed internecine warfare between the two PLO factions. The Shamir Government has shown undisguised delight in the fighting around

of the international community in offering to guarantee the offering to guarantee the safety of men described by one official here as "a band of cultifroats". The Cabinet is also mindful of a strong current of public opinion which is passionately opposed to the idea of permitting Mr Arafat a safe passage, particularly after Mr Moda's had not given and did not intend to give any promises that it would not attack Mr Arafat and his forces when they pulled out of Tripoli. He added ominously that largel's policy was to "to give no quarter in the battle against the terrorists". Hospital ship in Tripoli today

An Italian Sportal size is sea again", he said. "They expected the local strains of the sea again", he said. "They expected the local strains of the sea again", he said. "They expected the local strains of the sea again", he said. "They expected the local strains of the sea again", he said. "They expected the sea again strains for our departicular and strains of the sea again and the Lebanese Arafat – who is still basking in the attention of the world's press as the evacuation is delayed – has gone so far as to sea for Syrian air cover and Saudi guarantees before he leaves.

On the face of it, Mr Arafat gould probably do without the sea of t

ships would hombard his Only the French have agreed that Israel might well bombard positions again before he left.

To give the Greeks a naval the PLO positions in Tripoli think they will attack from escort out of Tripoli while Mr. before the Palestinian departure

Argentina to Poltergeists under suspicion put three as nanny's mother testifies

nummum of five ships from troops opposed to Mr Arafat Greece to evacuate all his men, might fire into the port during that claimed that Israeli war, the embarkation.

demanding Mr Arafat's "physi-cal liquidation" in Tripoli. One Israeli source explained: "The Government has to be careful not to provide Mr Dharon with too much of a boost by turning him down flat." The air of confusion was

increased vesterday when the Defence Ministry issued a formal denial of a prominent report on Israel radio that the US has warned israel not to interfere with the evacution. The radio report said that the warning has been given on Monday at a meeting in America between Mr Moshe Arens. the Defence Minister. and Mr Lawrence Eagleberger, the Deputy Secretary of State.

In another devolopment. Mr Yitzhak Moda'i, the Energy Minister, who called first for Tripoli to date.

On a point of principle, the Israeli are anxious to point up what they see as the hypocrisy to reduce the effect of Mr Levy's

Mr Moda'i had not given and

although he must have realized

Israelis have been given to understand that Israel will not

intercept a PLO evacuation but

Downing Street meeting: President Gemayel with Mrs Thatcher yesterday. Continue words for Gemayel

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Mrs Thatcher told him what

aurcraft into the air over Transit.

Lebanese officials close to file President Gemayel might

have had the incident in mind

giving the Government some to achieve the withdrawal of all uninvited foreign forces. He also reported on the progress, begun at Geneva, towards reconciliation among the war-

he most wanted to hear - that Britain's support would con-tinue. She referred to the "essential task" of reconcili-Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr

Mrs Thatcher told him what

Michael Heseltine, the Defence Secretary, were present for all or part of the Downing Street

President Gemayel later saw the Queen at Buckingham

# Germany given grim

Unless German women increases Indeed, it is only produce 200,080 more babies because of their numbers that every year, the German popu- there has been only a small fall

what the Chancellor now waste from all to members was return to what he called the property of these under the property of the property of these under the property of the pro

a group of separatists calling themselves the Movement of Democratic Forces for Independence in the Casamance have been agitating. Three policemen were killed last week after, it is said, entering a "sacred" area

## warning on birthrate From Michael Binyon, Bonn

lation will fall from 56.9m at in the total number of people present to only 38.3m in less living in the country — now than 50 years, with drastic consequences for defence, education and the labour market.

The report outlines the way the balance between young and a return to what he called the country in the summer.

The second secon مكذا من الأصل

#### Carol Compton, the 21-year-old Scottish an pair girl on trial here for attempted murder and President Raul Alfonsin has lacked on the third day of hearings as her mother gave evidence about life at home in Mrs Pamela Compton, aged 40, was required by the court to answer only two questions. She, said she found both of them "degrading". One concerned the quarrelling and the drinking habits of the girl's father, and the second referred to the and the section referred to the age when her daughter had her first period. Before giving this brief testimony Mrs Compton was warned that she was bound to the truth like any other witness, despite the fact that she was the defendant's Her testimony followed the revival of interest in the possible place of poltergeists in the series of five fires which brought about Miss Compton's arrest in August, 1982 on the island of Elba, and her arraignment before the court of Dr Guido Galligani, the presiding judge, asked Mrs Compton to speak clearly and simply. no doubt recalling difficulties in translation on the first day of proceedings. It was Mrs Compton herself who immediately encountered the

obstacle of language and had to have the first question re-Asked if she quarrelled in front of her daughter with her father, she replied: "Carol has

never seen anything bad between me and her father." About her husband's alcohol problem she said: "No, he didn't have any problems in the mind. He just liked his little drink. When he got a bit tipsy I would send the children down to the grandmother so that I could keep my hasband quiet." In answer to the question

Miss Compton talking with her mother in court. remember it very well, as mothers do. It was just before her fourteenth birthday." Asked if she did not mean when Miss Compton was 16, she said with a certain harsh dignity: She makes mistakes, glassplate and a metal distriction of the mistakes, you make dish fell to the floor wit mistakes. Does this make us apparently being touched.

stupid?" Apparently during interrogations her daughter had spoken of the age of 16. Earlier in the day a witness, Signora Ancilla Cecchini, the The hearing continues today.

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

to Str Geoffrey's latest appeal. was giving a press conference on announced vesterday that two ment, made clear he was missionaries. Miss Emily expressing a personal opinion Rowntree and Miss Eva Wark, when he said Angola may soon captive by anti-government troops.

a greater role for Cuban and Last night the Foreign Office Soviet advisers in Angola Mr Humbaraci, who said he

Signora Cerchini recalled the remark she made at the time: "Good heavens, there are

spirits in our home".

believed to have been taken ask for more Cuban combat

grandmother of the child whom Miss Cimpton is said to have tried to kill, recounted strange things that she said had after Miss Compton arrived. A glassplate and a metal cake dish fell to the floor without

while some form of meeting was

frustration of waiting for the infrequent ferry to take them across the Gambia river.

disturbances last December when the group published a manifesto setting out their claims and marched on the local government headquarters in Zinguinkor, tore down the national flag and replaced it with the Casamance one.

# Bonn Sign Remaice reticent He called the first country of the comme again to state the police of the country of the country

be put on exhibition. When he got the jewels he vanished.

group turne

peal of an amnesty law passed ast September by the outgoing military regime to protect itself from prosecution on charges of human rights violations.
There is also a proposal to establish the same punishment for torture as for murder, and to

process".

tutional order, which sets penalties for any attempt to overthrow an elected government. By reforming the Code of Military Justice the Alfonsin Government hopes to prevent have been in jail in Luanda for the trial of civilians by military courts, and to place military officers who commit common crimes under civilian rather day.

than military jurisdiction.

Diplomatic hope: Mrs\_Mar-

caret Thatcher's note to President Alfonsin represents "a small light" towards the

rcestablishment of diplomatic

relations, Senor Dante Capulo

the Argentine Foreign Minister.

said yesterday.

enact a law to protect democracy and the constitutional

order, which sets to protect democracy and the constr-

## about her daughter's first Howe plea for British mercenaries

seven British mercenaries, who weren years, when he saw a leading member of the Angolan Government in London yester-

the Central Committee and the Defence and Security Commusee. He has been described as second only to President Eduardo dos Santos.

Mr Lopo do Nascimento, the Minister of Planning, is also on

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the the Angolan civil war. Three of fusion has arisen over remarks Foreign. Secretary, tried once their colleagues, including the by Mr Arslan Humbaraci in more to secure the release of notorious "Colonel Callan", London on Monday concerning were executed at the time.

would not give details of how (Richard Dowden writes).
Mr do Nascimento responded Mr Humbaraci, who sa

The Foreign Office also behalf of the Angolan Govern-

captive by anti-government troops.

Unita guerrillas, were understood to have been freed and news agency, yesterday denied his statement and his claim that his statement adviser.

In progress.

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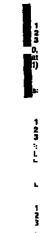
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Nakasone puts on white

gloves for his

most crucial campaign

candidates are vying for votes this time. Three are from the

LDP member of the Diet,

independent, may be the spoiler

for the party but paradoxically is a member of Mr Nakasone's

Jockeying for factional posi-

tion within the party is most

tratant in the case of the

Tanaka faction, the biggest in

Mr Nakasone: Appeals to

tons, three times less than last

year, and a tiny fraction of the

personal faction.

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how Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) wages an election campaign. Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Prime

Minister, made heavy use of

both this week on the campaign

trail as speculation mounts over how the party will fare in this Sunday's general election.

asked in Tokyo is not whether

the conservative LDP will lose its absolute majority in the Lower House; that seems

inevitable. What remains to be

seen is how much of a setback

Mr Nakasone can absorb without having his position as party leader undermined. He is

pulled up at the edge of a small park in Chiba city's District

White gloves on, Mr Naka-

The modest gathering, sprinkled liberally with plainc-

lothes police, is warned that an

LDP defeat would undermine Japan's "international credi-

The crowd responds warmly

when the Prime Minister calls

for the most thorough reform of

re gu of the current Emperpor

The increasing scarcity of

the truffle, known throughout the ancient and modern world

for its delicate flavour and

alleged aphrodisiac qualities,

£70 a pound in France, compared to £45 last year, and

prices are expected to rise. In the Périgord, the best

known truffle-producing region in France, the harvest this year

caused prices to rocket.
gourmet's "black diaid" is now selling for nearly

Soon after noon on Tuesday, three of four seats before the the Prime Minister's convoy election was called. Eight

therefore campaigning hard.

The main question being.

One, a traditional stronghold for the conservatives one hour's drive along an impressive industrial belt which stretches castward along Tokyo Bay from the capital. Chiba illustrates both the LDP's strengths and, paradoxically, why conserva-tives are their own worst enemies at election time. sone climbs atop a banner-testooned campaign bus, flanked His style is mildly demogogic. He launches a vigorous defence

of his policies, laced with appeals to Japanese national

46 companies with their names on our list of supporters. They are there not out of any patriotic sentimentality, but because the Think British Council is proposing a way to support

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White gloves and loudspeakers began. 58 years ago, and the LDP, whose leader, Mr are two prominent symbols of criticizes the Russians for Kakuei Tanaka, the former how Japan's ruling Liberal occupying, since the Second Prime Minister, was more world. War, four islands off responsible than anyone else for northern Hokkaido.

The nationalistic Mr Naka- his better judgment, into a sone was preaching to the December election in the first

converted. But there is trouble place. in Chiba District One, and in a Mr Tanaka's conviction on number of the nation's 130 October 12 for taking 500m yen electoral districts, where the (£1.4m) in bribes from Lock-LDP or rather its fiercely heed while in office touched off LDP or rather its nervery competing internal factions the events which tried with have fielded an unusually large limited success, to make Mr number of candidates. In Tanaka and political ethics into several cases they are competing the burning main issue of the several cases they are competing the burning main issue of the election. Mr Tanaka, however, raft of "independent" conserva-tives. This risks splitting the is virtually assured of reclection. as an independent (he quit the LDP after being arrested in 1976) in his rural home district. conservative vote to the delight

of the opposition.
In Chiba One, the LDP held This sort of internal competition is one reason why the LDP will probably see the stunning 284-seat (out of 511 in the Lower House) majority won election was called. Eight LDP and shared the stage with three and half years ago whittied down considerably. Mr Nakasone. A fourth, former

In his speeches Mr Nakasone who is 65, clearly was trying to attract large blocks of floating votes, especially housewives who tend to vote conservative but tend to vote mote fre

quentiv than men. At one point, Mr Nakason urged the generally chauvinistic men of his generation to treat their wives better. "Hold your wife's hand," he implored. He also pledged to channel profits from legalized gambling and other sources into cancer research. For part-time working women the Prime Minister promised tax breaks.

His favourite theme, howis moral education. Japan's schools, he says must repeatedly teach young children sound Japanese morals: respect for parents, honesty and respect for ancestors. Whether Japanese voters will teach the LDP a lesson in morals is still difficult

Japanese national pride. Truffle scarcity sends prices soaring Fron Diana Geddes. Paris is expected scarcely to total 3

> bumper harvests of the 1910s and 1920s when France was producing 1,500 tons of truffles particularly disappointing yield is thought to have been the dry hot summer. But the subter-France can no longer meet its own demand and now imports between 50 and 80 toms of ranean fungus, which is un-earthed with the aid of pigs or, increasingly, dogs, is a ca-

pricious crop at the best of times, and has long resisted man's attempts to cultivate it, though man continues to try.

Over the past few years, farmers in the Dordogue and other calcareous regions have been planting young oak trees, among whose roots the truffle loves to grow.



## Killer executed in Louisiana

Angola, Louisiana (AP) -Robert Wayne Williams, con-victed in the shotgan killing of an elderly supermarket guard during a robbery, was electrocuted early yesterday, the first execution in Louisiana in 22

Williams, aged 31, was put to death at the state prison in Angola after Governor Dave Treen, a federal judge, an appeals court, and the Suprem Court refused to spare his life.

At 1.02 am the prison warden Mr Ross Maggie and

death cell to the shed where the electric chair sits. The switch on the chair was pulled four minutes later and Williams was pronouncd dead after nine

minutes.

The execution was delayed for about an hour by Governor Treen so the high court could consider a last minuted appeal by Williams's lawyers.

Williams's mother, Mrs. Rosella Williams, a short, slender, soft-spoken preacher,

outside the prison gates. Family members had testified during pardon board hearings that Williams attended church that Williams attended cource-regularly and sang in the choir. In his teens, they testified, he fell in with the wrong crowd and got involved with drugs.

Meanwhile, a convicted murderer who had been scheduled to die in Georgia's electric chair yesterday won a stay of execution; but a second condemned man in that state lost a late appeal for his sentence

## Australia softens nuclear line

ime Minister, who has been

at pains to allay Washington's

concern over the election of a

Labour government. The Prime

Minister has also gone to great

lengths on recent overseas trips

to stress the importance that

Australia attaches to its inter-

The original decision on the

question of Invincible's access

to dry dock facilities at the

Navy's Garden Island Dock-

yard, in Sydney harbour, was

made by Mr Gordon Scholes,

the Defence Minister, without reference to Mr Bill Hayden, the

national defence obligations.

insisted that the Govenment's

to Australia's allies.

The Federal Government has eased its hardline stand on the issue of nuclear vessels using Australian dry dock facilities, and promised to consult with its allies and explain its position in an effort to defuse what has become a highly embarrassing issue for Camberra.

.The new guidelines, released on Tuesday, would allow allied ships carrying nuclear arms to go into dry dock in Australia in emergencies. They were out-lined after the United States expressed concern over the denial of dry dock facilities to the British aircraft carrier Invincible last week.

Senator Gareth Evans, the Attorney-General and spokes-man in the Senate for both the defence and Foreign Ministers. yesterday faced a barrage of questions in the upper house over the Invincible issue. He

Mr Scholes has since come under fire from the Opposition, policy was clear but might have and it is understood that members of the Labour Party to be explained in more detail The Invincible issue and the caucus are also uneasy about the Invincible decision. There involvement of the United has been speculation that Mr States is particularly embarrass-ing to Mr. Bob Hawke, the

Scholes might be moved from his portfolio. The issue has given the federal Opposition a field day, allowing it to claim that the Labour Government is damaging both the Anzus Treaty and the five-power defence arrangements which include Australia

There is no doubt that the issue has aroused US concern. Mr Stephen Lyne, a senior official at the Embassy in Canberra, saw the head of the Foreign Affairs Department as early as last Saturday, seeking

The United States is likely to But the space and science go ahead with preliminary work world in the United States is on a permanent manned space divided over the need for a station. It would provide a base space station: Some scientists for lunar and planetary ex-ploration and would be a be performed by space shuttles factory for making new staying in orbit for up to seven materials in a gravity-free weeks at a time.

environment. It might also have The question

America keeps open

space station option

environment. It might also have a sole in the desielopment of space weapons.

President Reagan is expected to amounce funding for planning work on a space station in the desielopment of space weapons following that of space weapons following president Reagan's Star Wars. speech of last March, in which ning work on a space station in the budget for the fiscal year beginning October next year. The New York Times reported he called for a system of space-based laser weapons able to destroy long-range missiles. The two projects might have

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The sum set aside will be to compete for funds, or the small, between £70m-£130m, space station might bave a but this will keep the space weapons development role. But station option open while the serious doubts have been raised considers here about the feasibility of whether to commit itself to the

whether to commit itself to the huge expense of a fullscale space station programme.

The National Aeronautics to find out what went wrong onboard the space shuffle to the space Columbia last week. It was of the nine space shuttle missions has helped to convince revealed yesterday that there was a fire and explosion the Reagan Administration of onboard the spacecraft in the the feasibility and desirability of As it approached Edwards

Air Force base in California after its 10-day mission, fuel leaked in an auxiliary power There are hopes that the President, perhaps in his State of the Union message in unit in the rear of the craft and caught fire when it touched a hot surface

The next shuttle mission is scheduled for the end of January. It will be delayed if the cause of computer failures in the last mission is not found and rectified.

#### **Spanish Communists** face biggest crisis

From Richard Wige, Madrid

Party began its eleventh hour congress here yesterday in a state of complete disarray. Formerly one of Western Europe's most influential and formidable Euro-Communist parties, it is now bogged down in personal conflicts;
In the wake of its humiliating

an orbiting station manned by a fulltime crew of astronauts,

ment to a fuller space pro-

gramme and try to arouse

public enthusiasm for more

exploration, in the manner of

President Kennedy's call for a moon landing in the 1960s.

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performance in last year's general election, when it received only 3.9 per cent of the popular vote, the party is now split betwen the followers of Señor Gerardo Iglesias, the 38year-old General- secretary, and Señor Santiago Carrillo, Spain's veteran Communist leader who personally put the younger man in his job 13 months ago.

Allegations of opportunism and even disobedience have been hurled by the aging and embittered Senor Carrillo at the young general-secretary, whose basic strategy has been to try to

The Spanish Communist win back former party members who were expelled when Senor Carrillo ruled the party with Stalinist methods. The main task of the more

than 800 delegates, between now and Sunday when the congress ends, will be either to patch together some sort of compromise in the name of party unity, or accept that the split has become too wide to Almost pathetically, the 88-

year-old Señora Dolores Ibarruri, *La pasionaria* of Civil War fame, appealed yesterday to the delegates to find a way through the party's "difficult debate", as she cautiously put it, and avoid even further polarization.

She has never liked Senor . . Carrillo and is supporting Senor. Iglesias who, however, has shown dung the past months that he is anything but an inspiring leader.



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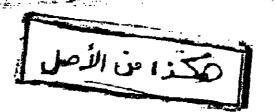
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The minuet for Job's family

**Paul Griffiths** 

with its echoes of Ravel needed more taumess of rhythm, but

otherwise the explicit visual images, the radiant Saraband of the Sons of God, the Pavane of the Heavenly Host, the displaced accents and angry clashes of Satan's music, were vividly presented. David Nolan's warmly lyrical solo violin for Elihu's dance was the most notable of several exposed instrumental passages played with keen effect. John Lill was another soloist

of distinction in a warmly romantic account of Rachmaninov's C minor Piano Concerto. picking up from a strangely ponderous opening and some mushy ensemble passages early in the first movement to make a virtue of familiarity in the rest of the work. Expressive phras-ing was matched by the orchestra, who brought vigorous if sometimes raucous spirit to Dvorak's Carnival overture at the start of the programme.

ACADEMY ONE Oxford Street · 437 2981 ISABELLE HUPPERT in DIANE KURYS' AT FIRST SIGHT.

Elaine Paige: high-tech crackle

pre-electronic age which is unlikely to win any converts from the space invasion tables.

played with more musical

understanding, and more tech-

nical finesse, then were the Six

Pieces, where the old rhetoric

At the same time, this was a

very different view of the

Symphony from that offered by the Ensemble InterContempo-

rain on Sunday. Where Boulez still sees Webern as the progenitor of the 1950s, serving

him with a quick flick of the wrist that wrote Le Marteau

sans mairre, Zubin Mehta finds something more languid and decadent, even crotic, in the lie

Given the so beautiful sheen of the Vienna strings, for whom this work could have been

written, the Symphony was

returned to its own period of

precious art deco objects in frosted glass. It also had a

referred right back to the

opening stages of the Passacag-

Pieces belonged also in that

world, since Mr Mehta was

using the reduced, clarified

scoring from the year of the Symphony. But though I am sure other Webern conductors,

notably Abbado and Boulez, are

right to prefer the original version (the case is similar to

that of Stravinsky's Petrushka).

no attempt at taming can obscure the violent rupture with

norms of taste found here more

than in any other orchestral

the work's emphatic insistence.

as he was to do later in

Symphony, and most of the solo

contributions were blank, but

there is a sense in wheh a

puzzled performance is an

appropriate response to an experience that even its creator

could only begin to control 20

Mr Mehta concentrated on

score of the time.

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years later.

To some tiny degree the Six

and limpidity that

has gone haywire.

of the rhythm.

Irving Wardle

style of Disney's Tron. No hard-core computer audience is going a doing a hard-selling job for the

Concerts

core computer audience is going

to be fobbed off with an array of

panto props no matter how they may wink and bleep. Secondly,

by leading the story back to the

primacy of traditional fairy tales

Vienna PO/Mehta

Schoenberg and his two great

pupils had no cause to be grateful to the Vienna of their

day for the frequency, quality or reception of performances they received, but amends are now

being well and truly made.

Berg's Lulu has reached the

Vienna State Opera, and the Vienna Philharmonic have come to London with two

programmes strongly featuring

Of course, out and out Schoenbergians will argue that

Pelleas und Melisande is a soft

option, being a romantic sym-

phonic poen in the good old Straussian mould, but there can

be no charge of pussylooting at the choices from Webern for the

first concert of the pair, on

Tuesday, when we heard three works that gave a neat summary

of his career to end the Olivetti Webern Cycle.

We began where Webern himself decided he began, with

his Op 1, the Passacaglia that

storms from tantative, unwill-

ing threads of sound into a furv

of passion. Then came the Six

Pieces Op 6. a black atonal

fragmentary slow movements, and finally the Symphony, the

first breath of the clear still

mountain air that nearly all

Webern's later music was to

Instead of suggesting a

pattern of growth, however, the

juxtaposition presented a palin-

drome as tight and true as any Webern composed in his music.

Partly this was a matter of

performance. However minus-

cule the Symphony's gestures,

they are at least recognizable as

gestures to musicians trained

and experienced in the classical-

romantic tradition that more directly feeds the Passacaglia:

both works, accordingly, were

purpose to dance in the theatre.

Whether there or in concert form, his identity of inner vison

with the William Blake engrav-

ings which were his inspiration

brought absolute integrity of

character to the music, and

Vernon Handley was concerned

for us to accept this in his

eloquent performance with the London Philharmonic Orches-

Disposing his strings with the

first and second violins on either side (as the score's dedicatee, Sir Adrian Boult,

always preferred), Mr Handley

directed a shared concern for

the music's directness of utter-ance, for the existence of Good

and Evil as contending forces, a

difference between diatonic

concord and angry discord. The

tra on Tuesday.

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## THE ARTS

After a period out in the cold, pantomime looks to be back in favour in London: Aladdin, Babes in the Wood, Snow White, Peter Pan . . . and, opening at the National Theatre tonight, Cinderella. This last is designed by William Dudley, interviewed below by John Higgins; while (right) our critics sample the joys of some of the latest offerings around the town

# The 'Star Wars' of its time

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Not for the National the television stars taking their annual bite at the stage or the fading divas of the cinema glad for a little work. Instead, according to their designer, William Dudley, they have been directing their attention to the Drury Lane Theatre at the turn of the century, when the panto really was the event of the year. Dudley, who has always been a great ferreter among archives and old volumes for his scenic inspiration, has been rummaging through Drury Lane prompt books and through the existing designs of Wilhelm. whom he reckons to have been the master

of pantomime decoration. If you look at a Withelm panto, such as Jack and the Beanstalk, there is everything there from a coloured postcard to an imitation of Turner. Some of the scenes have wonderment others are pure cartoon." And that is how it will be at the National, where the Ugly Sisters occupy a pier-end vision of a bedroom, full of empty brown ale bottles. The magic purapkin patch, though, appears at the end of vistas stretching the full depth of the

Dudley agrees that the proscenium arch dictated the shape of every late Victorian set, giving the audience what he describes as "tunnel vision". "They were great at framing and at softening edges, whether of pictures or of ladies' clothes. But I think it has been overlooked that they put every available resource into the panto. In the 1890s it was quite usual to have 500 to 600 people employed in the theatre in one capacity or another. There were legions of poorly paid craftsmen. You took urchins off the street, put them into costumes so that they became elves - or something similar - and gave them a pittance. You can't do that now, thank goodness -although I wouldn't say that the fees at the National were exactly generous. And sometimes, when I go through those Drury Lane prompt books. I wonder just what we can excel them at. The answer, probably,

"In those days the panto was at the very forefront of technical innovation. It wasn't something thrown on at the end of a busy rep season, as it so often is now. On the contrary, it was the Star Wars of its time. where you used every new invention. We're putting in gas footlights at the Lyttleton, because that is what a 1980s audience will expect, but a theatre proud of its panto would certainly have had

electricity. Otherwise we're looking at the

The Clarendon Gallery, Vigo Street, has a fascinating loan

show devoted to Caraceppi (until December 22). And what

you might ask, are cavaceppi? They are, in fact, not a what but a who. Cavaceppi was the

leading sculpture restorer of his

day, which was the mid-eight-

centh century. At that time no stigma at all seems to have

attached to elaborate resto-

ration, sometimes amounting to

total remodelling, of ancient

sculpture; on the contrary, it was expected, and dealers in

Italy found it very difficult to

sell their discoveries, either at

home or abroad, until they had

been returned to a semblance of

head or a limb, and at any rate

the replacement of a nose or

some other equally important

detail. And, for that, Cavaceppi

was your man. He had an

enormous workshop, and ended

up immensely rich, from vir-

tually giving up original neo-

classical sculpture and concen-

trating on patching genuine antiques. Many of his works in

this line found their way to

Britain, and the present show offers a fine selection, with an

elaborate and scholarly cata-

logue which explains exactly

what Cavaceppi did to which - including such famous pieces as

the Dog. of Alcibiades from Duncombe Park and the Lan-

sciowne Diskobolos, transformed by Cavaceppi with an ancient but unrelated head and

chapter in the history of taste is

vividly illustrated.

This often meant adding a

completeness.

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William Dudley on his set for Cinderella

time before Dan Leno died and cinema

took over the art of spectacle."

Cinderella uses 30 dropeloths, many of which will have been painted in the workshops of the Old Vic, erstwhile home of the National. It is one of the few theatres - Covent Garden and Sadler's Wells are among the others - which still has vertical paint frames where the canvas can be hauled up and down. Most others have gone over to the European method of spreading the raw material on the floor and having the scene painters get down on their hands and knees. Dudley, though, reckons that the use of the vertical frame

will help him produce the effects he wants. All this looks a little far away from Bayreuth, where William Dudley spent the first half of the year designing the controversial Ring staged by Peter Hall.

Actually not. Opera, more than any other form of theatre, has retained the old craft of painted scenery, of a filled and highly decorated stage. I suppose in our

"Cinéma vérité is very popular

Harry Watt - who, with Basil Wright, directed Night Mail in

1936 and could rightly claim to

know a thing or two about

train being interviewed by Arena about the feats of yore

in the BBC, I understand

iov to watch.

entertainment.

Festival of Asian Arts.

crowds.

duly dotted, acrobats tumbled,

puppets squawked, and Can-

tonese opera, as popular as Crossroads, The Archers and

Gilbert and Sullivan put 10-

gether, drew reliably large

Group from India presented performances from the north

and south: Odissi, the sensuous,

lyrical, curving dance of the

north-east coast, with its Hindustani music, and Bharata

Natyam, the more angular,

strong-footed dances of Tanjore

in the south, accompanied by

the Tamil music of the Carnatic

tradition, zither, flute, and drum vibrating in a dense counterpoint of rhythm with

and the dancer's forceful foot-

Sonal Mansingh director of

The Sonal Mansingh Dance

time Lila di Nobile took the painted image just as far as it could be taken. She reached her apex in this country, it is thought, in the Stratford Twelfth Night and you can still come across eyes moistening over at the very mention of it. I didn't see that, but I did see Love for Love at the Old Vic. Then, inevitably, in the straight theatre the reaction set in: there were no cut gauzes and cut cloths any more, just a few props

on a bare stage. "So opera has been very much at the front of my mind while I've been working on Cinderella. Indeed, at times Cinderella is almost a pastiche of the rococo, so it is rather convenient that I'm also starting designs on a new Rosenkavalier for Covent Garden. Much opera and much panto is concerned with a sudden welling of the emotion. And maybe that's why both are so much in favour at the

"In Bayreuth we used to talk about the Ring as the thinking man's panto. And it was a phrase which stuck."

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The first video fairy tale to hit the London stage, this show is aimed at the non-theatre-going, computer-wise generation; and by featuring such chart-toppers Robertson in a strong company including Sylvester McCoy and Phill Daniels (plus some excellent dancers) it is out to spread its net as well as break new

Adapted from a French source, David Wood's book attempts a marriage of magic and technology through the story of three children who meet up with Aladdin, Cinderella, Pinocchio and the Beast and join them on their journey to the castle of Sleeping Beauty. The route lies through an enchanted forest heavily guard-

Shame on me for taking all these years to get round to the Victorian delights of the Players' Theatre. I can happily report that, once through that unassuming doorway under the arches at Charing Cross, it is as much fun as I had always been

Players'

The Christmas fare is a Victorian panto performed with great élan, preceded by a quick selection of music-hall "joys". Miss Josephine Gordon sings "Lend me your fairy wand". Miss Wendy Jones invites Esau to take her on the see-saw, and a period MC briskly leads a few choruses crying "Raise the roof, and to hell with the London Chatham and Dover Railway" - which then takes traditional revenge by rumbling deafeningly all through the pantomine.

Written by J. R. Planché for Covent Garden in 1841, some years after the libretto for Weber's *Oberon* for which he is best known, this Beauty is a "grand comic-romantic-operatic-melodramatic fairy extravaganza" (a category even Polonius never thought of). Cleverly-turned rhyming coup-lets, packed with puns, rub

ed by the witch Carabosse (doubling as a teacher in the opening scene) whose minions lie in wait to manacle intruders into their mistress's video circuits for transmission in the ever-popular Carabosse Super-

Jenny Tiramani's forest is a maze of fluorescent silver tubes. with lamps and monitor screens hanging like exotic fruit, and the costumes of video bandits (led by the crackling Miss Paige in black body-stocking and high boots) strike a corresponding note of high-tech fascist glamour in contrast with the humbly traditional garb of the travellers. Abba's repetitiously pulsating music has the effect of nullifying Don Black's lyrics; but atmospherically it is perfectly in key with the rest of Peter James's production.

Two things scupper the show. First, theatre cannot perform a full electronic operation in the

shoulders with numbers set to a Beauty and the Beast ragbag of current operation favourites.

Beauty is saddled, Cinderellawise, with two nasty sisters and an impoverished papa called Sir Aldgate Pump living in a Gothic folly in Brixton. Lurking in a lair plentifully supplied with modish gowns and turtle soup. Beast has a splendidly horrid mask but sings a plaintive bit of *Der Freischütz* and is clearly a perfect gentle-

Though partial rewriting and rescoring affects the style, Reginald Woolley's production is sharp and neat, knowing just how far to go. The women outsing the men, with Alexand-ra Sebastian's Beauty and Gerardine Arthur's Fairy Queen soaring up among the leger-lines and Maureen Brathwaite's pure, brilliant tones heard too briefly as the Beast's page. Julia Sutton and Jenny Wren make a wonderfully vain, rapacious pair of uglies, relishing the prospect of Beauty's cannibal-istic demise with a chortling patter duet borrowed from Don Pasquale, and Josephine Gordon reappears as a benign but eccentric Morning Zephyr, nagging a reluctant chorus of roses to wake up and start

blooming. Riotous and rec-ommended. **Anthony Masters** 

by Robert Flaherty on the way to persuading them to put up the money for a film unit which. he told them, was just the thing for propaganda, "A tremendous personality", remembered Basil Wright The EMB Film Unit became the GPO Film Unit in 1933 and after the outbreak of

An interesting witness was a former Special Branch man, Mr Arthur Cain, who was assigned to keep an eye on the film-makers whose left-leaning politics worried authority. He became fascinated by the business himself, being transformed into a "friendly bridge". His wife concurred. She had

**Dennis Hackett** 

### Television

#### Rich reminiscence It was a programme of much

what they were going to shoot before they shot it. For Night Mail they had Benjamin Britten for the score and W. H. Auden documentaries. He was in a and observed that cinéma vérité for the script. Auden, said Mr was what they were doing right Watt, had often had to rewrite then and expressed a pejorative opinion of it in a succinct fourbut had been uncomplaining. tter word. He now regretted having Arena were making The GPO thrown so much of Auden's Story, to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the famous film unit, and were undeterred by work into the wastepaper basket but recalled one line for posterity. Talking of the rounded hills which mark the Mr Watt's disapproval. The rounded hills which mark the result, in BBC2 last night, was a approach of Scotland. Auden had written that they were

rich reminiscence from Mr Watt, Basil Wright, Stuart Legg, Edgar Anstey and others who laboured with great invention and success in the John Grierson school. The excellent clips told their own story and

one wondered if documentary had really progressed at all. Through it all one perceived the formidable figure fo Grierson. gather and watch Eisenstein's

it was he who persuaded a group of dignitaries from the Empire Marketing Board to Potemkin and documentaries

war, the Crown Film Unit.

been John Grierson's secretary.

Vaughan Williams called *Job* "a masque for dancing" to dis-sociate it from the sophistry of ballet, and to restore a religious

#### Mr Watt recalled that in the like slaughtered Thirties they had known exactly horses". Hongkong: Eighth Festival of Asian Arts

## Marriage of East and West, old and new

Knoedler/Kasmin offers a small show of recent work by be draining out of Hongkong, Gillian Ayres, supplementary to but the network of bamboo the big show at the Serpentine Gallery (until January 8). The Serpentine show too is mostly of work from the last two years, and both afford us the opportunity of admiring the confidence with which Ayres disposes large amounts of brightly coloured oil-paint on vivid abstract canvases with titles referring them, and us, to perennial literary themes. The earlier paintings which preface the Serpentine show offer a useful quick guide to how she arrived at this point, by way of thinner, more washy acrylic paintings getting ever farther modern additions into Dio-medes carrying off the Palla-dion. A small but important away from any appreciably representational base.

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Sonal Mansingh: "India's Atarah Ben-Tovim"

Dance in Delhi, is something of

To balance and reinvigorate programming of primarily popular appeal, the festival's new coordinator. Choi Sukkuen, is deliberately seeking out those groups who attempt to the singer's nonsense syllables assimilate experimental, avantgarde, often clearly western influences into their own traditions. Although his the Centre for Indian Classical production of East Wind, a was bringing the Shanghai

music-and-dance drama, as yet makes some of it points about alienation and cultural suffocation rather crudely, the work of the Indonesian director and ethnomusicologist Sardono Kusomo was particularly memorable. Sardono's concern with the dying musical traditions of the

and Dayaks has led him to work with his students in the jungle villages of East Borneo, land Dayaks has led him to themselves to Jakarta, and now to Hongkong, to take part in his productions. The result is a gradual revitalization of the Dayaks' traditional dance and music and a lively integration of their distinctive slow, twirling, squatting dance movements and gentle flute and zither music with the electroacoustic and cinematic invention of the company's OWIL composer and scenographer.

If the Festival of Asian Arts is in the cities of mainland China, so in Hongkong pianists like Yin Chengzong and orchestras and opera groups from Beijing and Shanghai are warmly

Kunju Opera Troupe. Kunju is the oldest, most sophisticated form of classical opera in China, from which both Peking and Cantonese opera have evolved. It had its beginnings as a refined, elite form in the sixteenth century and, thanks to the pioneering and continuing work of the troupe's director, the 80-year-old Yu Zhenfei, is now rising from centuries of neglect, and more latterly persecution at the hands of Jiang Qing to a new popu-Hilary Finch harmonic basis for Job has a Royal Shakespeare Company's MUSICAL

Sardono's syncretic ap-proach, with its exploitation, disruption and modification of traditional forms and rituals. has made him a somewhat controversial figure. No less so is Ramon Obusan from the Philippines, who, like Sardono, uses his folklore troupe as a showcase for his research as a musicologist and anthropologist at the University of Manila.

turning its face increasingly far forward in its programming of visiting groups, then its confidence for the more immediate future with neighbouring dramatists and musicians in the People's Republic of China seems no less optimistic. As more and more performing arts companies are being established

The festival's coup this year

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# Sweet talk in Grosvenor Square

#### The Times Profile US Ambassador Charles Price

Charles H. Price II Born April 1 1931, Kensas City, Missouri Educated Wentworth Military. Academy 1953 Graduated University of Missouri

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1953-55 Military service, US Air Force Variously Chairman and President,
American Bancorporation; Chairman, American Bank and Trust Company of Kansas City,
President and Director, Linwood Securities;
Chairman and Director, American Mortgage Company; Director, Americancinc,
Director, Swanson Broadcasting; Director, Earle M. Jorgensen;
Member, World Business Council and the International Institute for Strategic Studies
1969 Married (second) Carol Ann Swanson,
They have five children: Pickette, Charles Blair, Caroline, Melissa and Charles III;
1981 Appointed Ambassador to Poussale 1981 Appointed Ambassador to Brussels 1983 Appointed Ambassador to London

millions of British television viewers to discuss complex points.

saw his home town of Kansas City, At his recent Senate confirmation saw his home town of Kansas City. Missouri, annihilated in a nuclear blast during the film. The Day After.

The film was of course fictional, but the debate it engendered in the US, and dominate the first months of his term in Grosvenor Square: the deployment of nuclear-tipped cruise missiles in

Britain.
As US ambassador to Belgium for the past 21/2 years, he has become familiar with European views of the great missile debate, having seen at first hand the passions aroused by deployment of the new medium-range

candy king and Kansas City banker he had not had much to do with missiles. But in Brussels he showed himself a quick learner, pot just about nuclear policy but also about the finer points of diplomacy, including how to get along with tetchy Europeans.

Belgians say unofficially that they have unhappy memones of politically appointed US ambassadors down the years' recalling with particular anger a are strongly opposed to the new former ambassador who was a keen drinker and needed a special watch to defence ties between the two countries prevent his being embarrassingly arrested. They looked forward to the arrival of Price, the Candy Kid, with apprehension. To their amazement he was a glutton for work who desperately

President Fernando Belaunde Terry

regards it as the biggest single threat

to the security of his country and its

neighbours. A Bolivian intellectual

that he has anything to do with it.

Charles Price. President Reagan's Whereas in the past the number two in choice as new ambassador to Britain - the US Embassy had been the one with who presents his credentials to the the main dealings with the Belgian Queen on Tuesday - arrived in foreign ministry, suddenly they found London only a few weeks before him demanding meeting after meeting

hearing, Price - who is known to his friends as "Charlie" rather than the overly-familiar "Chuck" - showed himself well-informed when questo which it added in the UK, will have tioned about the Geneva INF talks and prepared Price for the issue likely to Britain's own nuclear deterrent. He made it clear he would use "each occasion that I have to try to bring home the message of sincerity that we feel toward the elimination of nuclear weapons".

Price will take over America's premier ambassadorial post at a time when relations between the US and Britain are undergoing a period of uncharacteristic strain. Mrs Thatcher was miffed by the lack of consultation He had previously been unfamiliar over the US-led invasion of Grenada with the subject. In his previous life as and is angered by US moves to resume arms sales to Argentina. The Americans have been no less upset by Britain's attitude to its action in Grenada, particularly the thinly disguised wave of anti-Americanism this appears to have unleashed among some British political leaders.

Though Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan see eye to eye on the deployment of cruise, many Britons weapons, a factor which will affect for the forseeable future.

Price will also be taking over in the middle of a presidential term, itself unusual. He is replacing Mr John Louis, one of the least distinguished of wanted to prove himself as a diplomat. recent US ambassadors to London.



Charles Price: quick learner in the art of diplomacy. Photograph by Harry Kerr

Britain was limited. His failure to return to London from a golfing holiday in Florida until 10 days after the Falklands War started earned him the epithet "The Invisible Man".

Just how out of touch he had become was demonstrated during a dinner party given by a member of the royal family, attended by Mrs Thatcher and himself, on the eve of the Grenada

Though a pleasant man and a invasion. Mrs Thatcher was called gracious host, his political impact in away and returned to Downing Street to receive a call from President Reagan. Louis remained at the table and did not find out until hours later what was happening.

Price will not allow a similar situation to occur. He has a reputation for hard work and for immersing himself in whatever he is doing. As Senator John Danforth, a long-time friend put it: "He is smart. He is

himself into his job.

Though he had never been to Belgium before, spoke no French and had never been a diplomat, he served said Senator Danforth, "with distinction and skill" in Brussels.

It was noted that he was running his embassy rather than leaving that to the professional diplomats. Leo Tindemans, the foreign minister, was only too happy to talk to him (Tindemans is only too happy to talk to anyone who will listen, of course) but he found that it was useful to have the ear of someone who had the ear of the White

Price is now 52, well over 6ft tall and is a classic product of Middle America. He inherited a family confectionary business in Kansas City, ran it well branched into banking and made a lot of money. Though he is not rich on the scale of, say, Walter Annenberg - a close friend and a former ambassador to London - he had enough of it to enable him to become a leading contributor to the President's election campaign, and that is how the top ambassadorships are obtained in the

He was also fortunate in marrying a rich, attractive and intelligent wife. Carol Price is the daughter of a frozenfood manufacturer from Omaha, Nebraska (where she was the "Aksarben Queen" for two years, "Aksarben" being Nebraska spelt backwards). In Brussels, she had three rooms in the residence to house her wardrobe of gowns. (The removers also packed 275 of Price's suits.) A graduate from Stamford University, Mrs Price became a friend of Annenberg before he went to London as the Nixon Administration's ambassador.

Through the Annenbergs, the Prices met the Reagans at the Annenbergs' estate in Palm Springs, California. For many years the families spent New Year's Eve together and when Reagan decided to run for president, Price was one of his leading fund-raisers in

Kansas City.
Politically, Price has similar views to
Reagan and will have no difficulty with the President's foreign and domestic policies when he is in London. Socially, he is described as very personable - outgoing and cultivated. He is also said to be the soul of discretion who is always careful not to put a foot wrong.

Nicholas Ashford

#### Cocaine is the new, hugely profitable, merchandise of the racketeers. Its corrupt influence is now undermining the political stability of those countries that produce it

Latin American affairs.

# The deadly road to Narcolandia

warns of a dormant empire striking analogy between Latin America the cocaine consumed annually in the US. Nobody has ever put a today and Germany in the 1930s. Cuban President Fidel Castro says figure on its value, except that it is it is a "blatant knowingly-made lie" several times more than the 1.5 billion US dollars that Colombia The spark triggering these diverse observations? The South American earns from coffee, officially its top

> Now that the bottom has started to fall out of the marijuana racket due to the spectacular growth of pot cultivation in North America, the "Mafiosi" are concentrating almost exclusively on cocaine. Coke has traditionally been an up-market drug but the racketeers plan to change that through mass production, converting cocaine into a popular classless drug similar to marijuana in the 1970s.

Cocame is refined in laboratories in Colombia from paste flown in from the highland regions where the coca plant has always grown. Similar laboratories exist on a much smaller scale in the northern Argentine province of Salta which Each year it is estimated that at borders Bolivia and is strategically least 20 tons of cocaine are placed for packaging the stuff off to

principal market, a current cocaine

glut is turning Europe, including Britain, into an increasingly important second market. Indeed, a Colombian journalist recently reported from London that Heathrow has now become as unpleasant for Colombian passport holders as Miami or New York because of the endless questioning by suspicious Customs officers. It is no coincidence that "Narco-

landia" closely mirrors the same Andean domain of the pre-Colombian Inca Empire. The cultivation of the coca plant was part of Inca culture: they chewed its leaves as an antidote against the cold of high altitudes. Following the Spanish conquest attempts were made to forbid its cultivation after a priest charged that it was an "ally of which made the Indians

resist Christian teaching.
Five hundred years later, the eccentric Bolivian intellectual Amado Canelas argues that "cocaine is an instrument of historical vengeance" through which tralitional Andean society is taking belated revenge, not only against the Conquistadores who violated the innocence of a Garden of Eden continent, but also against more recent North American influences.

Belaunde Terry is not alone among South American intellectuals in claiming that the grandeur of the Inca Empire, centred in Peru, rivalled that of the Romans. Today he warms of the dangers of the New Empire: "Our democracies are doubly threatened by subversion and the narcotics traffic. It is clear that in countries like Colombia and Peru narcotics are the principal source of the linancing of subver-

Specifically he charges that the Colombian April 19 Movement and the Sendero Luminoso terrorists in Peru are receiving arms and "narcodollars" from the racketeers. Furthermore, he claims there exists 'close contact" between the Italian Mafia and South American racketeers. The aim of these alliances is, in the Peruvian president's view, to fuel subversion in a bid to trigger military takeovers, ousting good democrats like himself and Colombian President Belisario Betancur Cuartas who are trying to curb the

Alarm over the drug trade is ereatest in Colombia and not just because of its ties with subversion. Colombia has suddenly discovered that for the first time it has a serious drug problem among young people.
Colombian "Mañosi" have long

been the empire builders of "Narcolandia". As enterprising as ever, they are trying to shed their dependency on paste from Peru and Bolivia and are now cultivating the coca plant on a massive scale in Colombia. At the same time they clearly intend not only to keep North American addicts supplied but also create a

back, of vengeful gods, of a coming amuggled into the United States via apocalypse. The United States the "Colombian connexion" netambassador in Colombia draws an work. That represents 80 per cent of Although the US remains the our form of cocaine base variously United Nations". For six months since his arrival mixed with marijuana and tobacco. They have pinpointed teenagers in the Colombian capital, he has with the aim of establishing a never missed an opportunity to permanent long-term domestic warn in grammatically correct if

market. The smoking of "bazuko" is heavily-accented Spanish of the perils posed by the Soviet Union now catching on fast in other countries, most notably Peru. and its Cuban proxies. Now Shocked by the destructive effect suddenly in something resembling a f"bazuko" on increasing numbers major revelation, he has been of young people, Colombia's couralerted to "Narcolandia". ageous Justice Minister Rodrigo Noting the links between drug money and certain fascist-style Lara Bonilla has launched a wideranging investigation which has resulted in a wave of arrests,

movements in Colombia and clsewhere in the region, he has told confiscation of planes suspected of the Bogotà daily El Tiempo that smuggling and the appropriate of large "Latin America today reminds me acreages of marijuana and coca of Germany in the 1930s when the crops. Journalists, judges and even criminals - that's to say, the Nazis priests who have investigated the came to power" he hastily and racket in the past have been diplomatically adds that at least in murdered and many wonder how Colombia "the people will never let long Lara Bonilla can avoid a bullet. it happen". El Tiempo is a respected liberal newspaper and In the United States Embassy in

Tambs seems to have used the ogotà Ambassador Lewis Tambs interview to try to soften his image. looks on approvingly. The urbane Mr Tambs is not a career diplomat Ironically, the "Matiosi" are

but an academic specializing in every bit as anti-communist and conservative as Mr Tambs. They His nomination as ambassador was fiercely opposed by US liberals also happen to be decidedly antiimperialistic. Says one: Gringos have robbed us of our and many Colombians, because of his well-known opposition to the Panama Canal treaties, his general national resources, one after another, gold, silver, bronze, tin, and hard-line views, and disparaging tomorrow, no doubt, our gas. Now remarks from his past, like the time they want to give us a bad conscience about coca.....but

why should we feel guilty about the drug addiction and degeneration of the North Americans"?

So speaks Roberto Suarez Gomez, otherwise known as Bolivia's "King of Cocaine" and affectionately as "Papito," or reverently as "Su Sanctidad," in the Polivian region of Beni, his personal fiefdom. Protected by his own private army, he survives and prospers despite the exit last year of his military friends, whom he helped enrich while in power, and despite the start of another of Bolivia's periodic flirtations with democracy.

In La Paz the civilian government does not fear revolutionary guerrillas but rather the perpetual threat of military takeover. There are a number of officers exiled in Buenos Aires who are nostalgic for a recent past when they ruled the "coke republic," and there are reports that "Papito" is now trading coca for arms across the Argentine frontier, to bring them back.

Mr Tambs is said to be very good at briefing his Washington friends on the Soviet-Cuban threat, but how could he articulate the threat of "Narcolandia" as outlined by Amado Canelas?

If the "Apocalypse of cocaine" is let loose, he says, the Inca Gods will then prove that they have "defeated Jesus Christ because the soul of the Indians, today as yesterday, belongs

Geoffrey Matthews



Masked men pour coca paste into bags ready for relining, protected by armed guards

moreover... Miles Kington

## Versed in paste-up poetry

12 chimpanzees who, if they were taught to type, would sooner or later come up with a Shakespeare play. For one thing the laws of chance would make them produce something shorter first, and Sod's Law would ensure it was a Pam Ayres poem. For another, the 12 chimps would so their own way long before then as writers always do - one to take to drink, another to become a Sunday Times book reviewer, two to produce a musical based on King Kong and so on.

In any case, there is a much better example of random literature to hand. Twenty years ago the French novelist Raymond Queneau produced a small book called Cent Mille Milliards de Poèmes, containing ten 14-line sonnets. Each page was cut deeply between each line so that different lines from different poems could be combined to make a new poem - the first line of the first poem, the second of the third, for instance, and so on (A completely random poem could be made by sliding a knitting needle up through the book, wiggling it about a bit). As each sonnet had exactly the same rhyme scheme, each new sonnet was a proper sonnet and as far as Queneau could ensure it, even obeyed grammatical rules.

He calculated that the total number of sonnets available to the dedicated knitting needle wielder was ten, to the power of 14, or one hundred million million, and that reading them non-stop would take 190,258,751 years. I calculated when I first came across the book that it would not be a bestseller and that no one would ever translate it into English.

I was only right about the first, because One Hundred Million Million Poems has just been published by the translator John Crombie in Paris, and a stupendous achievement it is too, gloriously, idiotically

At six the sahib dons fresh laundered hose.
(Of muggers all wise rustics are afraid)
The "Oh" he cries – and adds two faint
"Oh No!"s
While vultures swooping low give fitful
shade.

That's the first four lines of a new poem I have just created at random. Quite atmospheric, if not world-class, but what I like best about it is that it is a totally new

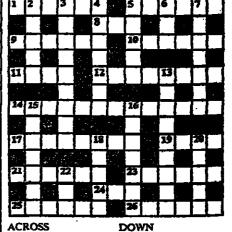
The gaucho dreams of bareback rodeos And downs his first gin-fizz (or-He wipes the guano off his block boot toes
While vultures swooping low give fitful
shade.

It's those vultures again, but as it's a different context they seem like different vultures, and we're off a new direction. Quite honestly, I'd much rather be playing with the book than writing about it, especially as John Crombie has decided to make it a joy to handle - it's hand-set, printed on thick creamy paper and bound with an intricate white ribbon. And limited to 500 copies.

From the same hands comes another Queneau book. Un Conte à Votre Façon or Yours for the Telling, a tiny children's tale with multi-choice development. Page one reads: "Would you like to read the tale of the three sprintly peas? If so, turn to page four, if not, turn to page two." Turn to page two and you find: "Would you prefer the tale of the three tall, lanky beanpoles? If so turn to page 16; if not, turn to page three." Of course, one goes through reading every variation, and very funny most of them are. This book is lavishly decorated by Sheila Bourne and is just as much pleasure to handle as One Hundred Million Million

Anyone who wants further information about these two books (but especially the noems) should write without delay to John Crombie at Kickshaws, 13 rue de la Grande Chaumiere, 75005 Paris. Meanwhile, if you care to cut up this piece into different lines. then shuffle it into a different order, you could enter it for the Booker Prize next

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#### **BOOKS**

## Recent books about Russian life and politics

# The Big Brother state.

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Among the Russians By Colin Thubron

(Heinemann, £8,95) Michael Binyon spent four and a half years in the Soviet Union reporting for The Times. Life in Russia is a distillation of his experiences during that time, providing a valuable guide to an extraordinary society, alien in almost all its ways from our own. Despite restrictions placed on his movements and the rigid circumscription of society at large, he is able to conjure up a credible impression of life in the great socialist state. The result is an invaluable guide for any

prospective visitor. On the whole the impression is utterly depressing. Everything is characterized by boundless inefficiency, disorder, corrup-tion, vice and repression. Everywhere there are shortages. mechanical breakdowns, administrative blunders of colossal proportions and profligate wastage. There is nothing which is not controlled, or rather obstructed, by a state administration which would be incapable of solving the problems of this vast land were it staffed by teams of Solons. As it is the rulers come up only with Five-Year Plans which have the effect of crippling the economy infinitely more effectively than any United States boycott could

dream of emulating. Michael Binyon provides many amusing instances of this bureaucratic confusion, such as the provincial newspaper whose the provincial newspaper whose informative, and Mr Binyon is disappearance from circulation a skilled gatherer of out-of-thepassed unnoticed for a month, way anecdotes and details and the unbuilt factory whose which bring his wide-ranging production rate featured so satisfactorily in government happy on the historical back-statistics for a year or more. ground, which occasionally

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Sources of Soviet Conduct in the

Edited by Robert F. Byrnes (Frances Pinter, £16.50, paper-

Predicting who will follow

President Andropov is less

important than determining

what changes are likely in Soviet policy. This task was

expertly tackled by some three

dozen eminent scholars brought

together by the Georgetown University Center for Strategic

and International Studies to

produce a comprenensive vo

ume that presents a sound

analysis of Soviet decision

making. Seven working groups examined political, economic,

social and cultural trends;

military forces; Eastern Europe

and foreign policy.
The editor, Professor Robert

Byrnes, discusses the critical

choices facing the USSR, and

comes to the depressing but

instified conclusion that the leaders who emerge after Andropov will share the values

of those now at the top who

selected them. He rightly argues that while the Western allies can

have little direct influence on

how the Soviet leadership

manages internal affairs, they

should "use their considerable

strengths at appropriate times

to contain Soviet power". By

coordinating their policies they may be able "to nudge the Soviet Union into policies that

make the system more tolerable

for its citizens and less threaten-

The authors agree that in the

ing for the world".

divorce and abortion stalk through almost every other marriage, and youth is widely alienated into the much-condemned but totally resistant jeans culture. The entire countryside has been despoiled as if ravaged for years by a hostile army.

survived the onslaught against absorbing and imparting atmos-everything which formerly suseverything which formerly sus-tained and exalted her people: religion, literature, the family, self-expression, and self-advancement. Mr Binyon provides many examples of the innate kindliness, warmth and and eliciting those views and generosity which characterize so experiences which can illumi-many Russians amid all their nate a whole life in a few many Russians amid all their tribulations, and which arise at least in part as a reaction against the prevailing darkness of oppression. He also chronicles traits which appears icles traits which appear eccentric to the outsider, such as the Russian love when opportunity offers of doing absolutely nothing at all.

Life in Russia is readable and survey to vivid life. He is less

... changes in Soviet policy

will neither collapse, nor be-come a democracy; it will

remain a destabilizing element in international affairs. Pro-

fessor Seweryn Bialer is con-

vincing in explaining why he does not expect any fundamen-

tal reform of the present system

which combines "Stalinist

totalitarianism and traditional

authoritarianism". The regime now applies less drastic means

of coercion than in Stalin's

time, but it certainly cannot

dispense with authoritarian methods without unacceptable

Professor Bialer warns the US

Administration not to push the

Soviet leaders at a time of

transition, since what they fear

more than anything else is to be

considered weak and irresolute,

and they may therefore tend to

overcompensate when chal-

lenged. Although declining internally the USSR is capable

of "tremendous mischief in the

international arena" and will

pursue an expansionist foreign

policy if not contained by a

strengthened Western alliance

capable of pursuing a patient

and consistent long-range pol-

expects a considerable fall in

Soviet oil output by 1990

leading to a reduction in energy exports and contributing to the

general slow-down in economic

growth. Bad management, inef-

ficient agriculture and low

labour productivity are among

the other perennial problems, but the USSR will probably

"muddle through", with the

Professor Robert Campbell

But overall the reality lacks a leads him into seriously mis-humorous aspect. It is particularly harsh on women, who emotional vein of the Soviet make up 51 per cent of the labour force, and 92 per cent of whom either work or study. In addition the majority of housewives are faced with a daily four hours of housekeeping, much of it taken up by the amazing triple-queue system required when shopping. Living-quarters are drab and cramped, drunkenness among men remains a ubiquitously popular means of secession from socialism, and the Russian birth and life expectancy rates are declining drastically. Not surprisingly divorce and abortion stalk through always are and always and surprisingly divorce and abortion stalk through always are cent of the surprisingly divorce and abortion stalk through always are study. In the principle of sealing off the countryside from prying eyes is firmly practice. It is not, as a glance at an old Murray or Baedeker would have confirmed.

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Thubron's superb account of his solitary journey in an old Morris Marina across much of European Russia. His under-standing of Russian history and civilization is profound, as is his perception of Soviet re-alities. His writing has an enchanted lyrical quality which never falters. It is hard to think Fortunately there is another of a better travel book written Russia which has somehow this century. He has a way of this century. He has a way of

uniquely infectious. Everywhere he went he struck up fascinating acquaintances, and clearly possesses a deep talent for inspiring confidences personality, warm, responsive, generous and deeply civilized, which acts as a perfect foil to the bizarre and melancholy land of his exploration. It is hard to think of a book more warmly to be recommended to anyone with the slightest interest in Russia and her people, or who

Nikolai Tolstoy

simply wishes to read some of

the very best English prose. A

economy performing well

enough to satisfy military demands thus ensuring that the political leadership will remain

Living standards are no

longer showing a steady improvement; the USSR faces

increasing mortality rates, eth-nic tensions, declining social

mobility. falling moral stan-dards, cultural isolation, and – not surprisingly – "growing pessimism". Soviet policy in

Eastern Europe has become

more sophisticated, but the

authors believe on sound evidence that the Kremlin will

continue to maintain its tight

grip. Professor Adam Ulam

rounds off this thorough cover-

age of Soviet affairs with a

perceptive essay on foreign

There are, of course, many

details of presentation and interpretation with which one

might quibble. The Soviet

empire was not "legitimized

internationally" in the Helsinki

Final Act, which provided for

the possible changing of fron-

tiers by peaceful means. It is

general secretary none of the

Central Committee secretaries

is responsible for foreign policy.

What about Boris Ponomarev,

head of the international de-

partment for almost 30 years?

However, there are surprisingly few slips considering the speed with which this timely work of

high scholarship and stimulat-

Iain Elliot

ing arguments was produced.

unthreatened by the generals.

## Pictures for the record

A Vanished World by Roman Vishniac

(Allen Lane, £30)

If McCullin is this century's great photographer of war, then Vishniac has done more than any other to document war's precursor, persecution and terror. Using a hidden camera he travelled across Eastern Europe between 1934 and 1939 in bazardous conditions (he was ofter taken for a hazardous conditions (he was ofter taken for a spy) in order to photograph Jewish Communities at work and play. Of his 16,000 negatives only 2,000 remain, and a selection are published here for the first time. In the certain knowledge that many of his subjects were to perish he embarked on a self-appointed mission: "I felt that the world was about to be cast into the shadow of Nazism, and that the waterway would be the empiribilities." and that the outcome would be the annihilation of a people who had no spokesman to record their plight." The results of his extraordinary journeys across Germany and Poland tend to render contemporary attempts at "committed" photography insipid, for he was not so foolish as to believe that photography could change anything. He was a Jew among Jews; a silent clinical observer from the inside and the custodian, as he saw it, of the world's conscience.

microscopic photography (a field in which he is pre-eminent) as a matter of style. The apparently insignificant gesture of a man on his way home in Warsaw (1937), clutching all his possessions in a paper bag. His hand is tucked into his jacket across his stomach: is he ill? Is he hungry? Vishniac's best photographs succeed in this allusive manner, a technique redolent of Cartier-Bresson. In the tradition of modern reportage nhotography he covers all suberes of Jewish life. photography he covers all spheres of Jewish life, from religous instruction to begel-making. But it is in his photographs of children that Vishniac's genius is most evident, and where he manages most brilliantly to avoid the distracting gloss of sentimentality which such subjects easily provoke. A little Jewish girl is berated in the street by a policeman in Warsaw. Onlookers stare from a safe distance. The child does not look at the man. Her mind is elsewhere. She does not have a licence for her bicycle. Just how Vishniac's pictures convey a sense of the diaspora to come must remain a mystery. More than forty years after the event this collection constitutes a memento mori in which aesthetic pleasure must perforce take a back seat. "When he cried" said W H Anden in Epitaph for a Tyrant, "the little children died in the street."

Rory Coonan

#### The pictured betray early training in Welsh boy makes good

In My Time An Autobiography By Lord Elwyn-

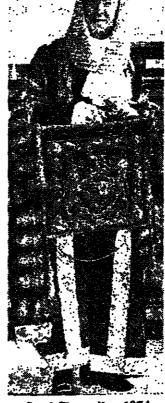
Jones (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £12.50)

Much the most interesting part of this book is the account of the Nuremberg Trial. Lord Elwyn-Jones, a newly elected Labour M.P., was briefed in August to appear, among Prosecution. We cannot be too often reminded of the enorwrong to say that apart from the mous scale and horror of the crimes against the helpless committed by the Nazi leaders which no exigencies of the preparations for, or the conduct of, war could possibly excuse.

> Nowadays it is suggested by some that the numbers who suffered have been exaggerated and that many German officials, including those highly placed, were unaware of what was going on. Elwyn-Jones and his fellow Counsel had access to voluminous undestroyed official records. "Our estimate at Nuremberg was that no less than 12 million men, women and children of many races were killed in cold blood."

That takes no account of documents lost or destroyed, or of the multitudes still in the concentration camps when the Germans were defeated. The defendants were convicted by their own statistics. Forensic skills were scarcely needed by the prosecutors.

Lord Elwyn-Jones events which stays outside the parents struggled so hard, in the



Lord Chancellor, 1974 facade without attempting to show what is behind it.

The author's father was for thirty years a rollerman in a South Wales steelworks, at South Wales steelworks, at times unemployed. His mother's parents originally came was from a small farm. There were tempted to leave the Bar and to seven children of whom only become a journalist before the four survived past eleven war. "I felt that journalism was months. Mr and Mrs Jones not my true vocation." How brought up the other three boys wise he was. Apart from and a girl in a terraced house in Nuremberg and the case of the Banaba Islanders, monstrously them went to a university, the despoiled by phosphate extrac-tors with the aid of the British It would be fascinating to know government, his book is mainly what life was like in a a flat and detailed recital of remarkable family in which the

their children a better life than theirs. Lord Elwyn-Jones did not understand what rich material he had. Or could it be that as a dedicated Socialist he hesitates to say too much about the glittering opportunities thrifty, selfless working class parents could make available to talented children forty years before the Butler Education

Called to the Bar in 1935, he was encouraged in his legal by D. N. Pritt, eventually expelled from the Labour Party for his close sympathies with Communism. On a holiday with the Pritts he met Pearl Binder, a writer of the very Left, who in the sixtles became an enthusiastic supporter of CND. They married in 1937 and genuinely lived happy ever after: their mutual love is touching.

As time passed Elwyn-Jones grew away from the politics of his early associations and ended, I would judge, some-where in the Wilson-Callaghan belt. He much enjoyed being Lord Chancellor and all the trimmings which went with it. You can't do that without succumbing to the idea that society is perhaps not ordered quite so badly as you thought when you first started the struggle to get to the top of it.
His book may even be useful

to historians ploughing the furrows of research for still more source material. But they should expect no startling from Lord Elwyn-Jones. How-ever, an appendix contains the whole of Lord Elwyn-Jones' speech in the Rotunda of the Capitol when presenting to Congress one of the original copies of Magna Carta on loan for one year, and from which the reader may learn how privileged Lord Elwyn-Jones felt he was to be there on that

Woodrow Wyatt

Fiction

#### A Highlander on the make Calum Tod

By Norman Malcolm favours of a mass readership. Macdonald (Canongate, £7.50; paperback,

Come Back By Jonathan Smith

(Michael Joseph. £8.95) The Scotswoman who is meant to have read a dictionary under the impression that it was a novel, and afterwards to have commented, "Verra interesting, but a wee bit disconnected, might have made a similar remark about Calum Tod.
Calum Tod is interesting, but pushes disunity to unusual leastly to unusual lengths. It contains not merely a failed novel within a novel which does not fully succeed but also a very good book review which explains why the

This review is of great assistance when wondering what to say. For although the writing is of evident quality, it is so disparate that the whole amounts to rather less than the sum of its parts. In the internal review we discover why this

should be so. So the novel describes, and itself reflects, a writer in a state of flux. To write novels about writing novels is to run the risk of appearing introverted, it being thought for some unaccountable reason that writers in their struggle to interpret things are different to other human beings. But there is the agreeable feeling to this book that it exists because Norman Macdo-

nald wanted to write it, not because he would solicit the

hood agonies. Tod goes to sea, war, the Soviets today. and then - some literary with even greater clarity, references have warned that this may happen - he starts to write a novel, a stream of conscious-difficulties faced by those who ness, using the girl with whom he lives as his raw material. But we learn later that Tod "was quite unable to carry on with it after he moved out to Notting Germans by force would mean Hill". He makes a last, unsuccessful attempt, involving the use of a pair of card indexes, and concludes he has accomplished nothing. But he has and so worthy of help from the accomplished a fine portrait of a Highlander trying to prove Poles. Benes instigates the himself outside his native land, as a failure something of a tour de force.

Come Back is about an Englishman whose first love is for Eva, a girl of Czech descent. His gaucheness, and the charmnowadays when two young to nothing. Mr Smith has thinkers fall into romantic and the dilateration fate. Albert Camus. Eva and the minds under tyranny, in the Englishman visit Prague, inves-Englishman visit Prague, investigating the episode during the training novel about it. Second World War when President Benes set in train from London the assassination of the Leader of the Reich Heydrich's father was a dis-

ruthless butcher. That is an unpleasant fact to which Mr Tod is brought up on the island of Lewis. The islanders' harsh way of life is drawn with skilful roughness, folk tales without whimsy. After child-regimes, the Nazis during the Smith draws attention, the

want to resist a brutal occupation. Benes, of whom an excellent portrait is given, in 1938 fears that to resist the national suicide and a bombedout Prague. In 1942, desperately anxious to demonstrate that the Czechs are determined to resist, West, as the French or the artack on Heydrich.It leads to the razing of villages and the murder of thousands of Czech civilians in retaliation. Today, for an activity so violent as writing plays, the reward may ing pretentiousness of his Czechoslovakia is a far off budding mind, are well de

Andrew Gimson

of the Leader of the kelch Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia, Reinhard Heydrich. Heydrich's father was a dis-have an entry for Sir John Soane's Massant, under Sir John rather than tinguished composer, Heydrich Some.

#### Call the land as witness

Village Farmstead By Christopher Taylor

(George Philip, £10.95) This is the most startling work of history I have ever read. So many accepted scenarios are set aside that the general reader begins very slowly to touch the

articles of furniture around him in the room. at certain points, in prehistory THAN THERE IS NOW. and the onset of the Dark Ages, it becomes a history of England.

woodland, a process beginning in Saxon times and accelerating in the Middle Ages. Wrong.

The growth of pollen and soil analysis suggests that the attack in the woodland began around 5.500 BC, And now, wait for it: BY ABOUT 1000 BC THERE Its theme is the history of WAS PROBABLY LESS rural settlement in England, but WOODLAND IN ENGLAND

Which brings us to the greatest shattering of all, that of The author, Christopher Taylor, the Saxon invasion on which makes use of the most recent 1500 years of Welsh myth were archaeological research but, and based. Taylor sees this not in more startling, of the most terms of the last great battles in

recent aerial photography. He the West but as a hiccup, "the calls as witness the land itself." What do most of us accept? grating society". He quotes an Probably a gradual settlement estimate of Professor Charles of the landscape, the founding of villages, the clearing of the century NO MORE THAN 10,000 SAXON SETTLERS CAME TO THIS COUNTRY. The population of Roman Britain could have been as high as 5,000,000.

There are few villains in this book and linle drama. His theme is change itself, operating almost independently of men. He calls it "drift". Settlements are founded, grow and disappear and often there seems to be no reason at all. And it has all been going on for far longer than any of us know.

Byron Rogers

## Taking the waters

The Spencers on Spas

By Raine Spencer

Photographs by John Spencer (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £9.95) English Spas are very fascinating cities, the survivors of the rage for mineral waters and hot baths that swept like a hurricane through eighteenth century. Europe. Of course their origins were far older; Bath became famous in Roman days; others took root in the middle ages but they achieved little more than a local fame. In the eighteenth century the sick and the barren

haunted them in the fear of

death and the hope for life.

In the eighteenth century there were over three hundred wells and boths, in various stages of growth - most of them had a short, ephemeral existence but some grew and flourished - Buxton, Learnington. Cheltenham, Tunbridge Wells, the towns we still know as the "English Spas". Only very few of the minor spas have survived in contrast with France where several have become the highly sophisticated playgrounds of the seriously rich. If only John Aspinall and Robert Carrier had taken over Matlock Bath, or rebuilt Mistley or rescued Ashby-de-la-Zouche!

Some have survived partly by being, like Harrogate, retirement centres for our ageing middle-class; others have been helped - like Learnington with its vast and beautiful parks - by being close to the teeming hordes of Birmingham and Coventry. And some by luck -Woodhall Spa, built because John Pitt found water instead of coal, attached a fine golf course to itself just before the game boomed. The most important factor of all, however, has been the splendour of their architectural heritage which even the most wanton philistines failed to destroy.

Lord Spencer's photographs are quite exceptionally good whether of architecture or of people or of both. And the book will prove a wonderful bargain not only for the pictures but also for the text. Lady Spencer is artlessly artful. She combines history with personal reminiscence in the most engaging way.
The Spas are as great a part of

our heritage as stately homes, castles or cathedrals - perhaps more so for they encapsulate so much of human experience - its pain and suffering as well as its delight in beauty - all of which is brought vividy home in this beautiful book.

John Plumb

#### Four true strings from one of the most notorious undistributed middles of criti-

The String Quartet By Paul Griffiths

Thames & Hudson, £12) Born in somewhat obscure ircumstances, brought up by Haydn and given new stature by Beethoven, in middle life somewhat neglected, the string quartet is still alive and very well indeed. So Mr Griffiths suggests in this lively, wellwritten history of the genre, declaring it to have "the declaring it to have stability yet capacity for constant renewal of a living species. There is certainly no lack of interest among living composers in the tried and true combination of two violins, viola and cello, enduring as it

of the symphony orchestra.

If Haydn occupies the largest part of the book, that is justice not only to the volume of his output but to its range. As Mr Griffiths puts it, beside some of the symphonies he can in his quartets be "more intimately clever, more at home and more dangerous." One of the qualities of Haydn's greatness is his capacity for laking wonderful risks, without which all musicmaking, whether by composer or interpreter, becomes sterile. And the works are all accessible to the domestic musician, who is by no means as nearly extinct

has through all the vicissitudes

as Mr Griffiths seems to think, But the later the day gets, the more uncomfortable or simply defeated the amateur become and the more severely taxed fessional. Mr Griffiths scarcely justifies in his envoi his view that "it would be possible to imagine the Haydn-Dittersdorf-Mozart-Vanhal quartet sitting down to tackle Carter or Xenakis" on the grounds of the continuing appeal of the medium to social wit, personal profundity, and musical intelligence. He is an eloquent and vivid exponent of the newest music, but he is not entirely free

cism, namely the implication that because Beethoven was thought difficult in his time and proved to be great, it is likely to be the same with difficult works of our own time. Beethoven still is difficult. Without attempting the range of Beethoven's major commen-

tators, among them Kerman. Lam, and Radcliffe, Mr Grif-fiths manages to make some excellent points of his own about the quartet. He writes with courage and verve, and his gift for touching on an illumi-nating point in a work's structure seldom betrays him. I think he might have made more of the extraordinary majorminor drama that runs through Schubert's G major quartet, and the "Death and the Maiden" movement of the D minor quartet is surely better seen as an outcome of the powerful first movement, with its stricken shudder of a close, than as a piece requiring a prefatory movement. He is also nervous of the Paris "quatuor brillant" tradition, which in turn leads him, like most writers, to underestimate Cherubini. He still manages to write

about it with the enthusiasm and the quick perceptions that John Warrack

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**DIARY** 

Tony Christopher, leader of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation

and rumoured to succeed Len

Murray as TUC general secretary is

obviously very approachable to people with problems. The owner of

a restaurant which he frequents recently asked his advice about a

delicate financial matter. It appears

that customers are increasingly adding the tip to their credit card

payment when settling their bill.

This makes the tips taxable, which

they would not be if paid in cash. I

would dearly love to know what

advice Mr Christopher gave, but this particular tax man refuses to return

John Graham, the man who produced a publication called Nat

Yet The Times while the genuine article was off the streets in 1979, is

producing a second edition to greet the new Orwellian year. It will bear

the date January 1, 2004 and will feature some familiar-sounding

columnists looking back on 1984 from their prison cells. Mr Graham

joke". It will be easy not to confuse

it with our own more serious version

of events since, as well as hearing a

futuristic date stamp. Mr Graham's newspaper will cost rather more than 20p.

The duary is a regular feature of most

Journalist. official organ of the NUJ, is more original. The column in its

seventy-fifth anniversary issue about

The early joint favourites for the

chairmanship of the all-party Select Committee on Defence. Michael Mates and Michael Marshall. have

more in common than their first

names and initials. Both Tory MPs

share a passion for cricket: Marshall is a former BBC cricket commen-

tator and Mates is captain of the

Lords and Commons cricket team.

Marshall is also a prolific author.

His next book is a history of

Gentlemen v Players. In view of the

shenanigans which have taken place

over the choice of the defence

committee's chairman, this might

well be a subject on which he has

BARRY FANTONI

'First Roger, you must be awarded

an OBE before you can send it

Paid-for channel

Roland Rat, like other TV stars before him, has discovered the

delights of free foreign travel. His

three-week trip to Switzerland will be featured in 17 separate 25-minute

episodes on TV-am over Christmas

and the New Year. Luckily for

TV-am, which was recently beset by

unpaid creditors, the Swiss Tourist Board and Swissair were very

helpful" with the jaunt to Zerman

and Saasfee. A Swissair iet will be

seen winging its way to the land of

the yodel at the start of each episode.

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Yardstick Jamaica, beset with crippling econ-omic problems, could face a The Metropolitan Police are taking their time about acquiring a more sensitive image, following the rather critical Policy Studies Institute constitutional crisis after today's general election. The Caribbean island, which still adheres to the British parliamentary system it report on their performance. In the latest issue of their magazine, The inherited at independence in 1962, is Joh. ex-Area Commander Don likely to become a de facto one-party Saunders warns Met men that "without an aim in life after retirement, you could end up carrying the wife's shopping bag". state when the votes are counted. The political opportunism shown by the Prime Minister, Edward Seaga, in calling the snap election.

#### Vanguard

Publishing News carries a riposte by publisher Leo Cooper to bookshops which claim they cannot get certain books until after Christmas: "This is patent nonsense. Most publishers can deliver during the Christmas, period with great speed and many go to ingenious lengths, like hiring vans for their reps" - replacing perhaps their usual bus or bicycle?

#### TalkalongaNeil

It didn't really need a two-year £34,000 study of politicians by a research team from Warwick University to discover that Neil Kinnock "has a tendency to ramble". His Shadow Cabinet colleagues will deliver the same information for free. They are finding that Shadow Cabinet meetings are getting longer and longer because of their leader's habit of never using one sentence when three paragraphs will do. After a recent two-hour marathon, one member calculated that when added together Kinnock's contributions totalled 90 PHS

# The lion in the dinosaurs' den

Mr Len Murray last night survived the baggest trial of his leadership of the TUC, but the union movement's opposition to the Government's employment legislation lay in ruins

The substantial majority recorded in favour of his repudiation of support for the unlawful one-day strike called by the NGA confirms the sharp trend away from the direct action school of policy in opposing legal curbs on the unions. It also demonstrates that the moderates have taken a firm grip on the direction of the labour movement but the split in the general council also show that a substantial minority within the TUC does not accept Mr Murray's view that opposition to the 1980 and 1982 Employment Acts must be kept within the law.

The TGWU immediately said it would continue to support the NGA in its present strategy to win a closed shop at the Messenger group of newspapers, which has cost £675,000 in fines for contempt of court orders not to picket the company's Warrington plant.

The crisis precipitated by Mr Murray's repudiation of the expressed support for the NGA by union leaders finally put into sharp focus an internal conflict over the leadership style of the TUC General Secretary that has been simmering

for months.

When they met three nights ago.

Paul Routledge looks at the simmering conflict behind the attempt to censure the TUC leader, Len Murray

some members of the Employment Policy and Organization Committee were shocked at the first draft of the statement prepared for their approval. It scarcely mentioned the employer. Eddie Shah. but it condemned the violence on Warrington picket line and Mr Murray insisted that it should be endorsed. "Does that mean we have to do as we are told?" asked Mr Moss Evans, General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers'

Union, the largest affiliate to the

TUC. The question was not without feeling. There is a powerful under-current of sentiment that Mr Murray is overeaching himself. It was not always so. Elected unopposed in 1973 to take over from the folksy but crafty Vic Feather, he was initially over-shadowed by those two giants of the 1970s trade union world, Jack Jones of the transport union and Hugh Scanlon of the engineering workers.
When the "terrible twins" retired. virtually simultaneously, labour

commentators could see no obvious

heirs among the 40-odd union leaders who then made up the

general council. That is because they were looking in the wrong direction. It was Lionel Murray who was to be the new lion of the labour

He filled the power vacuum left the departure of the Jones-Scanlon axis, unobtrusively at first but in recent years with evident relish. TUC policy is fashioned publicly at the annual congress each autumn and privately in the sub-committees of the general council. He dominates both.

When his personal imprimatur on a peace formula for the settlement of a strike - ironically by NGA members at the Financial Times was called into question four months ago, he turned on members of the General Council and remind ed them that they had all asked for his support in the dispute at one time or another.

He won the vote overwhelmingly making the issue a test of the TUC's authority; and that authority was identified with his own personal standing in the matter.

The TUC rule book is vague

Secretary and silent about the real scope of his influence. He is a full voting member of the General Council and of its major com-mittees, though Mr Murray rarely votes and then usually only on internal issues such as the reform of the General Council itself.

The rules understate his real power. His staff, most of whom are intensely loyal, write the policy papers that go to General Council committees. Within the general parameters laid down by congress decisions, they effectively determine the posture of the TUC - and that public face has come to look very much like the views of Mr Murray himself. The collision yesterday was between the political thrust of his Congress House machine, together with its newly triumphant moderate majority on the General Council. and the unions who stick defiantly to the TUC's preelection policies of total hostility to employment legislation enacted by Mrs Thatcher's

Mr Murray reportedly described the opposition of these class-struggle warriors as "the last twitch of the dinosaurs". He may now be ruefully recalling that the dinosaur as a species was comparatively successful, lasting rather longer than the unions have survived. "The dinosaur unions" were out to clip the General Secretary's wings.

#### Ronald Butt

## Questioning the conventional

The Government need not have worried about the public's response to The Day After. A MORI opinion poll has shown that CND support after the film was exactly the same as before - 30 per cent among those who saw the film, but only 26 per cent of the wider public. Most people seem to have felt quite rightly, that they had learned little that was new from the film itself. either about the horror of nuclear war or the case for or against the

Yet the subsequent discussion on television raised real questions that ought to be discussed more clearly than they often are, and which were particularly illuminated by the former United States defence secretary Mr Robert McNamara.

The film had postulated a Russian invasion of western Europe, the escalation of the conflict, the firing of three tactical nuclear weapons and the final intercontinental exchange between the United States and the USSR. It is probably true to think, as Mr McNamara said, that if nuclear war was once started, at any level, it would escalate. If it began in Europe, it would almost certainly become intercontinental. There is, he said, no military use for nuclear weapons, except to deter

That, however raises the question at what point US or nuclear weapons might have to be called into the balance to deter the Russians from using theirs? How far ts it conceivable that nuclear weapons could be drawn back into more distant and less risky reserve. so to speak, by greater western reliance on conventional defence?

This summer, I heard Professor Irving Kristol the distinguished right-wing American publicist, out-lining in a lecture at the London School of Economics a fascinating case for changing the basic concept of the Atlantic alliance. The alliance. he argued, was defunct. It had been based on the proposition that the US should keep troops in Europe not to fight (250,000 of them is too few for that) but to act as hostages and to engage the US with its nuclear potential, in the defence of Europe. It depended on the proposition that if the Soviet Union attacked, the US president would ultimately press the nuclear button in Europe's defence.
That theory served so long as the US had nuclear superiority, but it has collapsed with US-USSR parity.

It is one thing (he argued) for the US President to say from a position of nuclear superiority that he will send intercontinental ballistic missiles to destroy the Soviet Union if Europe is attacked. It is quite another to do so in the event of an attack on Europe if the result is the destruction of the US (as in the film) as well as of the Soviet Union.

Therefore, runs the Kristol argument, the president would not press that button, and the idea of relying on the bluff that he just possibly might is too risky a basis for foreign

Since the troops are not there to fight, and could not be defended, and the button will not be pressed. Professor Kristol argued that there will be increasing pressure in the US to withdraw them. Nor does he believe in the idea of graduated simply produced the "peace move-ment". The only sensible strategy, therefore is for the Europeans sacrificing their welfare pro-grammes, to build up their own conventional forces so as to be able to win a wholly conventional war if attacked.

What is necessary in the struggle between West and East for a free or non-free world, he says, is a strongly armed Europe, able to carry the fight back to the Soviet Linion's frontiers. if attacked, with conventional forces only. It would be backed by a nuclear-armed United States alfy which would have troops in Europe to fight, not simply as a symbol. It is an argument which coincides with much of what less provocative

figures are saying.

Thus Mr McNamara though insisting that the United States would defend Europe, also empha-sized the danger of being driven to nuclear weapons and argued for strong conventional European forces. He too no longer believes that, with parity, a Nato nuclear threat could deter a conventional attack and does not think Nato is prepared for suicide. He wants a non-nuclear zone and a declaration of non-first use of nuclear weapons.

Yet there is, it seems to me, a basic flaw in the Kristol and (to the extent that he shares it) the McNamara thesis. Suppose the Russians were to attack Europe with conventional forces. Suppose by conventional forces the Europeans and Americans beat back the assault to the frontiers of castern Europe (Kristol is careful not to suggest penetrating the USSR itself in that event). Would the USSR in such circumstances allow itself to be defeated for lack of a nuclear response, however small? And however small, would it not

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escalate? The West having renounced the use of nuclear weapons in reply to a conventional attack, the Russians would be in exactly the same position as the West was in when its nuclear defence was its only protection against conventional weapons. By very reason of its conventional victory, the West itself would lay under the nuclear threat. Miss Joan Ruddock of CND insists that her organization is not pacifist and speaks of having greater. conventional defence. Neither she nor her colleagues say how they would have the West respond if the Russians, having failed in a conventional invasion, then threat ened the West with nuclear attack. But the answer is, presumably, surrender.

She does not believe that the Soviet Union seeks to invade us. Neither do I; it would be toodangerous because of nuclear weapons. But it would be hard for the Soviet Union, wishing to change Europe ideologically, not to push at a half-open door. The Day Alter was not particularly illuminating about the facts of nuclear war. Butdiscussion about it can be very useful in helping us to clear our minds about our arrangements for defence.

It is not a subject that will go away, and the responses to this film are a valuable reminder that decisions must be made not by the emotion that blindly desires peace, spare Europeans the cost of more but by reason which alone can give conventional weapons), which has some assurance that we shall keep it.

#### Charles McKean argues against the Tories' laisser-faire housing policy

## Why the home front is heading for collapse

Analysis of the physical state of the finances only 43.000 housing stock in England and Wales indicates that present policies on controlling capital expenditure and encouraging private ownership will leave the next government (of whatever persuasion) with little short of a major catastrophe – with a growing rate of mortgage failures, houses collapsing in the streets, and with people on housing waiting lists having no prospect of being rehoused in their lifetime.

These predictions are founded on the 1981 House Condition Survey of the Department of the Enviroonment, whose message is so alarming that one is surprised that it got past current Government policy censoring sensitive documents. Its sensitive nature was, however, the cause of a six- month delay in publication, and very quiet release. The house condition surveys are

taken every five years and provide the yardstick of the rate of house improvement. The three measurements are: the number of houses actually unfit; those lacking one or more listed amenties (e.g. inside lavatory); and those requiring serious repairs (over £7,000 at 1981 prices). A decline in the number of unfit houses can imply either demolition and rebuilding, or rehabilitation. A decline in the other two categories is almost entirely explained by rehabilitation and housing improvement.

Between 1971 and 1976 the rate of improvement was quite glorious, clearly a legacy of the 1969 Housing Act with its largesse of improvement grants, with an average annual rate of 192,000 houses being demolished and replaced, or repaired. In the next five years, 1977-81, that rate of improvement dropped by more than three-quarters, to 43,000 a year, and there is little doubt that it is even

lower now. The situation now is that the Government, on the one hand, is paying for less improvement, and on the other that post-1919 houses are falling into serious disrepair at an accelerating rate. The number of houses requiring major repairs in 1981 was almost double that of

1971.
The DoE graphs imply that by 1991 the number of such houses could double to 24 million - even if the current rate of deterioration remained static. But the housing stock is not evenly divided. There are considerable quantities of interwar houses whose condition is likely to deteriorate all at once, which could cause a further rise in the graph. The Government currently

seaga, in caning the snap election, buoyed by his popularity over his Grenada stand and with the opposition in disarray, is likely to rebound on him. And in the end, President Reagan's closest Caribbean ally could lose as much as he

may have seemed to have won.

The election is being held with two years to run in Mr Seaga's first

five-year term. The opposition People's National Party, led by the former Prime Minister, Michael Manley, is boycotting the polls as a protest against the government's alleged failure to implement promised the policy of the po

ised electoral reforms. (Seaga retorts

that the opposition party is broke, in

disarray and unable to fight).
When nominations closed on

November 29 for the 60 seats in the

House of Representatives, Seaga and

his Jamaica Labour Party had

already taken 54 "without ever going in the ring", in his own words, in six constituencies, Independents

are opposing the Labour Party, but

almost none stands a serious chance.

conclusion, there is now widespread

concern, and Seaga's critics are

drawing an ironic parallel with his

support of the Grenada invasion, which was launched to restore

With the result already a foregone

dwellings a year against a deterioration rate of more than 100,000 a year. That implies that by 1991, more than 1.800,000 houses will require stanificant repairs. The require significant repairs. The current rate of progress would take 46 years to clear the backlog.
Current Government policy is to

rely on self-help and home ownership. However, the House Condition Survey figures indicate that all is not well with the owner-occupied sector. It now leads the league in ownership of both unfit houses and houses requiring significant repair, taking top place from the private rented sector. This may be because local authorities are so hard-pressed that for much of the year they have to impose a freeze on improvement and repair of grants, but there are wider implications.

Those who can least afford a repairs bill of £7.000 are (apart from the elderly and unemployed) the first-time buyers. Yet, according to building society statistics, it is the first-time buyers who are mainly concentrated in the older, urban house whose repairs are becoming so

Even - as has been suggested by those seduced by US experiments giving the houses to their occupiers would not solve the problem of the occupiers being unable to meet high repair bills. In American inner cities, there is some evidence that families at in this trap simply :

their houses and go to earth.

More than 100,000 of the dwellings requiring extensive repair are owned by local authorities or new towns; a high proportion of these must be in cities like Sheffield, which owns 95,000 council houses, almost 10,000 of which are in four gigantic, poorly-built, inter-war council estates. Several of those estates were built with a black mortar which corroded the wall ties; bulging gables, shoring and even collapse of houses represent the current state of repair. A further 15,000 inter-war houses in other estates are in the same unmoder-

nized decaying state. The city receives £26m for its housing investment programme, £8m of which is predetermined for private sector grants, leaving £16m to pay for all other housing functions, from management to minor repairs. That leaves about £14m for capital expenditure. The improvement of a house with no serious problems averages, in Sheffield, about £10,000. If the cost is significantly more, the house is

demolished and rebuilt, costing

After Grenada, Seaga's

walk-over

The issue dominates everything

from professional gatherings to radio talk shows. The Gleaner,

Jamaica's only morning newspaper, is full of costitutional debate in

columns, letters, and news stories.

The country's Governor-General, Sir Florizel Glasspole, has been quoted as using the description "political crisis".

The Jamaican Council of

Churches has asked the Prime

Minister to introduce electoral reforms immediately. It wants electoral rolls to be updated to bring

in up to 180,000 now disenfran-

chised voters, including there who

have reached the voting age of 18

since the 1980 election, and the introduction of identity cards to prevent fraud. Then, it says, Mr

aga should call another election.

scientists are searching the consti-

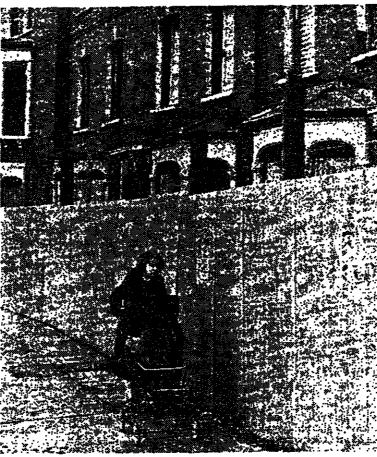
tution for ways to create a place for

an opposition. Mr Scaga is reported

to be considering naming opposition politicians to the Senate, an

Meanwhile, lawyers and political

pyrrhic



Decay and dereliction, and it can only get worse

about £25,000 - for there is no point in propping up an unstable struc-

The ratio of improvement to new building is something like three quarters to one quarter. Now, assuming a standard 60-year life on these houses, the council should be repairing or replacing some 1,600 per annum: yet the cost of that would be £23m. The Government's allocation, however, is only £14m. At a recent conference a member of the city's architects' department said: "We shudder to think what another winter will do."

Sheffield Council cannot rely (even if it should) on the households to undertake such work since more than a third have no income earner.

The Government's view is that capital receipts from house sales would provide the necessary income in the current year some £12m. Sheffield points out that the 3,000 dwellings which have already been sold were the best and sales will now probably slump. In any case, house sales are an uneconomic way of raising capital: the average sale price is barely £11,000 - less than half the cost of a new home - and many are much cheaper. The council would have to sell several usable properties to raise the finance to construct a

These calculations are concerned, solely, with tackling Sheffield's existing housing stock, not expand-

appointed body-but there

Manley's party has decided to hold monthly public forums in a

Kingston hotel to consider national

issues, and to appoint representa-

tives in local constituencies to keep in touch with local problems. He

rejects suggestions that this sounds like a government in internal exile.

campaign has become a battle of documents. Manley brandished solemn pledges of electoral reform

which he says were made by the

government. Seaga took to rallies

what he describes as a secret report

from a conference of the opposition

party outlining its weaknesses. Both

sides cite constitutional law and

Senga argues that the parliamen-

tary system allows him to call an

election any time he chooses, and that it is the opposition that has

provoked the crisis. He says that his

course was necessary because the

opposition had brought his integrity

into question in reporting to the

historical precedent.

In the absence of candidates, the

certainty they would accept.

ing it. Yet there are 35,000 households on the city council's waiting list. So current investment levels in Sheffield offer the unedifying spectacle of houses collapsing in the street of council tenants spending all their lives in unfit council property; and of people on the council waiting list ceasing have any hope. These alarming housing predic-

tions come at a time when unemployment in the building industry is higher than in any other industry, when it is known that investment in the building industry can be a trigger for revival. The Government says there is no alternative to its low investment in housing. There is always an alternative. What is needed is a long-term housing investment pro-gramme which takes into account the annual rates of deterioration and tackles them. It should be financed over a five or 10-year period to allow the building industry to rebuild its skills and plant.

To do nothing, and let the growing house condition crisis become a problem for future governments, is the economics of the kindergarten. It will inevitably lead to demands for more massproduction houses to satisfy need. We shall be back to the 1960s. Can the Government really believe that it will be in power after the next election if it is laying in store so much trouble for itself?

Seaga: now the leader of a virtual one-party state, but his snap election could create tensions he will regret

Jamaican people on the status of negotiations with the International Monetary Fund, and in calling on him to resign as Finance Minister after a substantial devaluation of the Jamaican dollar. (In addition to finance, Seaga also holds the defence and cultural portfolios).

In a recent interview, Manley said he would be willing to fight another election "tomorrow" if reforms were carried out. His party would stand to gain most by the expansion of the electorate - it is popular among the young, many of whom continue to be unemployed despite Seaga's plethora of training programmes.

Manley, whose office is dominated by a portrait of Fidel Castro and who is portrayed by Seaga as a dangerous Cuban Trojan horse, clearly lost ground after the shortlived Grenada coup. But he is likely to gain from the present crisis and perhaps win the next election, which s expected within a year or two.

What concerns many Jamaicans is that prolonged political tension will interfere with the task of rebuilding an economy battered in the 1970s by high oil prices, the world recession and attempts by Manley's government to socialize the economic system. They also fear a resumption of the kind of political violence that left more than 100 people dead in the 1980 election

> Barbara Crossette (INew York Thmes News Service, 1983)

#### John P. Harris

## A pastis master at deception

I have recently been involved in a ruse to deceive the American public and earn a small fee as a model. William, one of the local British

exiles, is a professional photogra-pher. He teamed up with a nice young American journalist called Frannic, who was doing a series of articles on our picturesque peasantry and their quaint habits - the kind of thing that syndicates well in the

A particularly quaint habit in southern France is making one's own pastis, thus saving several pounds a bottle. Pastis is Pernod, Ricard and the like – the favourite greeny-yellow aniseed aperitif that turns cloudy when your pour iced water on it. Like all spirit aperitifs it is heavily taxed - more heavily than cognac or whisky, so that it costs almost as much as in Britain; vraiment, a shocking state of affairs.

To make it yourself at a tenth of the cost, you need anothol, colouring and alcohol. The alcohol is no problem, in small quantities. You can get 90° alcohol from French chemists, though theoretically they are not supposed to sell you more than a quarter of a litte at a time. It is perfectly drinkable if you break it down to half strength, and everyone makes his own liqueurs with it. What is illegal is the anethol, or oil of anis, simply because a boule of home-made liqueur lasts a long time, whereas one gets through a bottle of pastis surprisingly quickly and the government does not want to be done out of its great chunk of

Half a teaspoonful of anethol. which can be bought legally in any country but France, is enough for a bottle of pastis. Just across the Spanish and Italian frontiers you can see the French buying little phials of a greenish fluid, essence de pastis, to be smuggled back home. For those who can't pop across a frontier, gypsies hawk the phials from door to door, at the bottom of an innocent-looking basket of lemons or garlic.

Frannie wanted a photo of a cute, anethol-selling gypsy girl. Alas! William found several candidates eager to earn an honest franc or two, but not, absolutely not, to be photographed in compromising attitudes as anothol-pushers.

for a big colour photo of a typical Midi peasant in his typical peasant interior, pouring the contents of a phial (prepared by William: peppermint syrup) into a litre bottle (of tapwater). They know, down in Minneapolis and Little Rock, what such characters ought to look like-Jour de Fête and Lu Femme du Boulanger are still going the rounds. of their cine-clubs. Unfortunatelytoday's peasants have flashy kitchens with computerized cookers. chromium-plated food-processors and fixtures and fittings from the Habitat branch in Montpellier. They use electric razors and read books on

slimming ...
William and I did at last unearth a suitably seedy-looking retired commercial traveller living alone in reduced circumstances, and Frannie said he would do at a pinch. But he too refused to be photographed en flagrant delit.

Nevertheless, we managed. The vivaciously winking gypsy, coyly extracting phials from under her oranges, was an Anglo-Pakistani student from Montpellier University. The peasant kitchen, with cobwebs, granite sink and hand-whittled implements, was in a Sloane Ranger's summer cottage. And the crafty old peasant, looking an authentic extra from a Pagnol film, sporting a smock that went out of fashion at the Revolution, an unsavoury beret, a three-day-old beard and a Gauloise fag-end, fixing his supply of stage-pastis, was me.

It made a change from standing in for Colonel Bramble and Major Thompson.

And now, I have unburdened myself of my guilt. I must add a warning footnote In Britain you cannot buy pure

rectified spirit, free of excise duty, at the chemist's. Surgical spirit will not do. For those who insist, vodka could be the base. Remember that chemist, will make 50 to 60 litres of pastis. The colour can be got by macerating a few fennel or artemisia. leaves in the alcohol. Connoisseurs add a bit of liquorice root and a roasted coffee bean. Ready-made Pernod is better. Anyway, it ought to be drunk well diluted, in the shade of the plane trees, while the cicadas

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#### THE FALLING POUND

For several weeks the pound has been falling toward \$1.40. It touched fresh depths again yesterday before closing in London at \$1.4170. There is an air of faint disbelief surrounding these events: we have a Con-servative Government which believes in sound money and has successfully pursued policies designed to curb domestic inflation, keep the balance of payments in order and generally help foreign bankers sleep at nights. They also seem fraction ally unreal: the pound's latest fall from grace has not been reported under the once too familiar headline "Sterling Crisis." The counterpart of the pound's weakness is the strength of the American dollar and counterpart so far, has been taken to be

In a gravely troubled world. the dollar is seen as the only safe haven. The American economy is booming and acting as a huge magnet for investment capital. US interest rates are remunerat ively high and because of the gorging demand for savings to cover the Federal Government's mammoth Budget deficit, they are not expected to fall. Against almost every expert prediction made in the last three years the dollar has risen. For fundamen-

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tal reasons not yet properly exchange dealers expect sterling appreciated the world may now be back on the dollar standard it abandoned during the 1970s when the supply of dollars, not least because of the huge OPEC oil surpluses appeared far to

exceed the demand.

A cheaper pound is not an unmixed blessing. It is useful for exporters and generally good for profits, both desirable at this stage of our own still tentative economic recovery. But devaluation can cause problems. If it goes too far, domestic inflation may go up rather than down as higher raw material and other import costs feed through into the prices of finished goods. Were the pound's situation to deteriorate significantly, this could change from a distant anxiety to an immediate political

danger.
The problem would then be whether the Government should attempt to do anything to arrest sterling's decline. As long as all currencies were suffering from the dollar's resurgence, the temptation to act hardly existed. Until the last few days the pound, by and large, has held its ground against the rest. This may now be more difficult as pressures to reduce oil prices continue to mount. Foreign

to remain vulnerable to selling until the North Sea reference price is reduced in line with the lower prices in the spot market or the existing international oil price structure proves to be more durable than seems possible.

The practical options are limited. Intervention in the foreign exchange market, except to smooth out awkward wrinkles, would be futile as well as costly to the reserves. The flows of international capital are now too vast for any one Government or even several Governments acting in consort to divert. Higher interest rates would have to be considered but used only in, as a final resort. There would be no more certain way of smothering economic revival. The best course in fact is to do nothing. We have chosen to live in a world of floating exchange rates and not have an exchange rate policy, even if such a thing were possible. And we must not be surprised if the United States Government, especially in the run-up to a Presidential election, is not prepared to manage its own fiscal and monetary policies to suit our own and the European

#### ALL ON THE RATES

the great annual feasts of political economy, when ministers many concessions have been quite consciously pushed money into the maw of local government in a bid to keep rate levies down. Yesterday's game was different. For one thing, the excitement was less. The event has now been superseded by the announcement, in July, of the government's ambitions for individual councils; then there is the November financial statement; and the scattershot pronouncements from the "maximalist" town halls about what they will spend and tax regardless of rate support grant movements. Yet the latest RSG announcement is important. It is the last to be couched in freedom before the sweeping powers contained in the rate-capping plan are presented to Parliament. It is a pattern of acceptable rate significant because, perhaps for increases in April 1984 could the first time, ministers are be accompanied by a wholly genuinely ambiguous about the effect of the settlement on rates. over plan. High rate rises themselves are the main reason for the ratecapping legislation; high rate rises could concentrate the minds of Parliamentary doubters; high rate rises would cost the

established to sell his message. The government presents the arithmetic as simple and in a sense so it is. With a grant total of £11.9 billion, representing 52 per cent of relevant council expenditure, average rate increases could be "low", as Mr Jenkin says, (A general pattern of rate increases about the level of inflation with some spectacularly high rises in London and the and under the cloak of confusion

government itself less than the

propaganda team Mr Jenkin has

The settlement of the rate metropolitan areas would serve support grant used to be one of an educative purpose, to be sure.) But here is the rub. So

made during the past two years on the aggregate of current council spending that the government's relative generosity on the rate support grant could pave the way for significant overspending again in 1984-85.

There is no paradox here (and anyone interested in the finer points is strongly recommended to pick up a current copy of the estimable publication Public Money). At the same time as Mr Heseltine, Mr King and now Mr Jenkin have huffed and puffed over rates, the walls of revenue spending by councils have been built even higher; it increased in volume terms in 1983-84 by 1.2 per cent over the previous year, to be precise. The upshot is that unacceptable excess of spending

policy towards councils in recent years has not, as it is fashionable to say, lain in the intricate system it has devised of distributing grants to councils: any such system would be complex. The confusion has instead been fundamentally one of purpose. For three precious years under Mr Heseltine there was vacillation between changing the system of distributing money and controlling the total; since, and still, there is apparent confusion between controlling the rates levied by individual local authorities and managing the total of municipal outlays.

the government has manifestly failed to probe the structures by which councils spend or - as councillors prefer to put it -'deliver services"; however, the Audit Commission is now showing good will to accomplish this task. Meanwhile little interest has been shown in unlacing those tight statutory corsets which require councils to spend money, not save it.

On the contrary, interest has been expressed in adding to the array of councils' activities. One of the noteworthy points made by Mr Jenkins yesterday was that certain areas of council spending would not be counted for the application of penalties for overspending in 1984-85. Disregarded are to be expenditures on inner city ventures, civil defence, and community care. In itself this adjustment by the government is only fair. But looked at in the round - and taken together with the significant rise in recent years in what are termed specific and Maurice Bishop on March 22, 1979. The confusion in government supplementary grants by governments to councils - it points to yet another way in which the total of council spending pushes at the totals set in financial planning by the Treasury.

In his statement to the House yesterday Mr Jenkins broke a time-honoured convention of these winter announcements; he did not use the phrase "tough but fair." That is as it should be, because the settlement is in one sense much too fair. In another it is unfairly tough if it lends support to the government's project of pinning blame only on the ostentatiously high-spending councils for a general failure to meet financial targets.

#### DANISH EYES ON ULSTER

One of the better studies of the partition of Ireland was written by a Dutch geographer. So whynot a Danish journalist turned Europolitician? And indeed Mr Niels Haagerup's report to and on behalf of the European Parliament is rather a good piece of work. Its inception was greeted by expressions of outrage from the Prime Minister and others who saw it her way. The European Parliament was held to be exceeding its competence, and it was assumed that an outside intervention from that quarter would be blundering and at the best unhelpful. The first objection was misconceived; the second has been falsified in the

Certainly the European Parliament is not competent to prescribe solutions for the problem of Northern Ireland or entertain proposals for constitutional change. Nor does it here. On the other hand as a Parliament it is entitled to follow budgetary expenditure wherever it leads.

Northern Ireland and the immediate region on both sides of the border receive special consideration in the agricultural and regional policies of the Community, extending also to social and industrial programmes. More than £400 million has passed though those channels in the past ten years. Not a large sum in comparison with transfers from Great Britain, but stil considerable and growing. This attention is welcome in the province. The or Commonwealth peacekeeping European Parliament is entitled to inform itself about the context to be made, must be within the in which these monies are spent; and it may, as the need for them becomes even more apparent, help to upgrade their priority put on ice in order to make way

manager of Alaskan Agency and Control States

within the general expenditures of the Community.

The report itself consists of three parts. The first is a resolution to be tabled in the Parliament. There is nothing in it to which the British or Irish government should object (unless it be the suggestion that now is the time for Britain to join the European Monetary System). The resolution is careful to remain within the ground staked out as common by the operation of Anglo-Irish summitry.

The longest section of the report is an analysis of the political and economic forces that condemn the province to its violent and unstable condition. It is shrewd, historically fleshed and avoids the worst pitfalls. It lets the nationalists off too lightly in the distribution of blame for the failure of the new Northen Ireland statelet to reconcile its communities; and it does not do justice to the position of the British government in relation to the hunger strike of 1981. But all in all it would be safe to put the report in the hands of an innocent abroad, the purpose for which it was

written. The final section consists of Mr Haagerup's conclusions and comments. They are, he stresses. personal. The bones of his position are that a unitary Irish state cannot be brought about in the foreseeable future. A British withdrawal would not still the violence but rather intensify it to the proportions of civil war. One may forget about Community, United States, United Nations, forces. Political progress, if it is present constitutional framework. Ideally the aspiration and bogey of Irish unity should be

for another attempt to devise a political system within Northern Ireland that the representatives of both communities are prepared to work. At this point Mr Haagerup reflects the influence of Dublin's New Ireland Forum which will soon be beginning to write its report: it is a necessary condition that the new political arrangements should provide legitimate and visible expressions of the nationalist identity in the North far beyond what is the case today, including the establishment of joint British-Irish responsibility in a number of specified fields.

The attempt to be constructive about the course of Northern Ireland politics without doing violence to the facts is almost always self-refuting. So it is here. Mr Haagerup recognizes as a political factor of the utmost importance the opposition of one million Protestants to being made citizens of a united Ireland. It is opposition even to the point of civil war, and it is opposition that extends to any change in relationship which is clearly seen as preparatory to unification. He also sees that the political parties in the Republic cannot repudiate or even fall silent about their historic policy of Irish unity. Therefore they will not convince the Protestants of the North that the concessions demanded for the satisfaction of the nationalist identity which is cultivated by the Catholic minority in the province are not concessions devised for the purpose of advancing the policy of Irish unity in separation from Britain. Since these expressions of nationalist identity will fail in their purpose if unionist withold support from the political arrangements that exhibit them, that way too looks blocked.

the Airbus From Lord Beswick

Sir. It is unfortunate that Jock Bruce-Gardyne's article of December 7 seeks to discredit the A320 project without recognising essential

Taking a risk on

Of course national funding of aero-engine and aircraft projects in the old private-enterprise days was open to his criticism. Launch aid then was on a heads-we-win, tailsyou-lose basis as far as the private companies were concerned. The Concorde project was a cost-plus contract. It simply cannot be compared with the A320 proposal.

With nationalisation launch aid stopped completely for the aircraft industry. All BAe civil projects were financed from own resources.

If Jock Bruce-Gardyne was right and the A320 proposal meant a return to the Concorde-type contract then there would be something in his argument. If the present proposal provided for the refunding by way of levy on sales then the article might be justified.

As I understand it, British Aerospace plc are seeking funds for the development, not the production, costs of the A320 and are prepared to undertake the refunding of that loan from company resource es, not from sales of that one aircraft. In other words, they are prepared to take a very considerable risk on the basis of their market iudement.

In my view it is a judgment which the Government should accept. Yours faithfully, FRANK BESWICK.

#### Grenada resignation

House of Lords. December 9.

From Mr Anthony Rushford Sir, Eugenia Charles, Prime Minister of Dominica, who was an ardent advocate of human rights when opposition leader at the constitutional conference in London leading to the independence of her country, has recently stated publicly that I should not have been sent to Grenada by the Commonwealth Secretary General, Sir Shridath Ramphal, to be the legal adviser to the Governor General of Grenada. Her statement was presumably prompted by my resignation on a point of principle as legal adviser to Sir Paul Scoon and as the member of the interim government of Grenada responsible for legal affairs on December 4. At the same time I had also placed my resignation from my appointment as Attorney General in the hands of Mr Nicholas Brath-

interim government. As a result of my mission to Grenada, constitutional civil government was restored in that island on November 15, a fortnight after my arrival, and the indepengreatest extent possible at that date. including of course the chapter on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedom. Yours sincerely,

waite, the acting chairman of the

TONY RUSHFORD, Anchorage Hotel, Antigua. December 13.

#### A matter of title

From the Rector and Vice-Provost of the Royal College of Art. Sir, In the course of research for the exhibition "Albert: his life and work", currently mounted at my college, I came across the Prince Consort's speech to the British

Association for the Advancement of Science given at Aberdeen in 1859. He told his audience:
From amongst the political sciences it has been attempted in modern times to detach one which admits of being severed from individual political opinions, and of

from individual political opinions, and of being reduced to abstract laws derived from well authenticated facts. I mean Political Economy . . . A new Association has recently been formed, imitating our perambulating habits, and striving to comprehend in its investigations and discussions over a still more extended range of subjects, in what is called "Social Science". These efforts deserve our warmest approbation and goodwill.

Who better to speak of Victorian Who better to speak of Victorian

values on this matter than Prince Albert? Thatcherologists may detect, in her Secretary of State's decision to omit the word "Science" from the title of that research council responsible for social studies, some incipient U-turn to another and less resolute approach. Yours faithfully.

LIONEL MARCH, Rector's Lodge, Royal College of Art, Jay Mews, SW7, December 13.

#### Lines of beauty From Mr Charles Watkins

Sir, Mr Dean (December 9) is under a misapprehension when he calls for the revival of traditional tree avenues along the routes of suitable

motorways.

Avenues of roadside trees, although traditional in parts of Belgium and France, have never been traditional in this country. Occasionally, as in the case of the famous lime tree avenue at Clumber Park, Nottingham, a public road does run between regular rows of trees, but this is most unusual. Traditional roadside trees, whether planted or allowed to grow naturally, are normally unevenly spaced.

Avenues of trees along the routes of motorways may, as Mr Dean suggests, add beauty and dignity to the scene; they would also increase the monotony of motorway driving and help to ensure that motorways became even more prominent in the landscape than they are at present. Yours faithfully.

CHARLES WATKINS, The University of Nottingham, Senior Common Room, Hugh Stewart Hall, University Park,

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Promoting peace in interest of war

From Mr Miles Copeland, sen Sir. As an old cold warrior with 40 odd years' experience at waging alternately, both war and peace, may I offer some comments on The Day After, the film shown on ITV yesterday evening to dramatize the horrors of an atomic war.

Until recently, I have gone annually to Washington Chicago, San Francisco and elsewhere to attend conferences of practising political scientists who were particularly concerned with various problems of conflict resolution, the central one being the causes and prevention of armed conflict. At these meetings it was simply assumed by all those present, including a Soviet representative who sat with us twice in Chicago, that the so-called "peace move-ment" has traditionally been an instrument of war, never of peace.

It first appeared in the China of 500 BC when the legendary "Sun Tzu" advanced the theory that victory in war depends less on one's own strengths than on the enemy's weaknesses, and prescribed means whereby to develop those weaknesses – among them probably the first "peace campaigns" in history.

The promotion of "peace movements" (on the other side, of course) was used effectively by Napoleon to soften up the Austrians, then later by the Germans in World Wars I and II, with the objective of keeping first Britain, then later the United States, out of the war.

German officers interviewed by SHAEF interrogators at Freising after VE Day were unanimous in their opinion that Hitler would have ended his conquest much earlier than he in fact did if only this century's most ardent advocate of the peace movement, Dr Goebbels, had not convinced him that his

## efforts in promoting anti-war move-ments in Britain and America were reducing risk

more effective than they actually

The lesson is especially applicable now that the dangers emanate from the Soviet Union. Moscow's present-day "neo-Leninists" have stated explicitly that Soviet victories will depend less on Soviet strengths than on the West's weaknesses.

By now, it must have occurred to the security services that the development of those weaknesses requires the services of the KGB only to a limited extent. The work will be done by well-meaning people operating under their own steam and for their own reasons. Lenin called such people "useful idiots."
The KGB abets them only indirectly, with few, if any, of them being aware that they are doing the Soviets' job for them.

As for choice of scenario, only those Nato officials whose job it is to think in Nato terms believe that the Soviets will start with a head-on assault in Europe such as was suggested by the television film.

Instead, they are more likely to take western Europe out of the fray by the simple process of removing its major source of energy, the Persian Gulf. An oil-thirsty western Europe is likely to lose its enthusiasm for defence against the Soviets once the Soviets have stepped in, as good neighbours, to offer access to their own resources as an alternative. More likely, they will rationafize themselves into believing that conquest and subjugation by the Soviets are bridges to be crossed when they come to them. Yours,

MILES COPELAND, Three The Green, Aston Rowant, December 11.

#### House conveyancing

From the Chairman of the Bar Sir, In the current upsurge of debate over Mr Austin Mitchell's Bill, it seems pertinent to observe that as recently as 1979 the Royal Commission on Legal Services (the Benson commission), having deliberated upon the matter for three years, came to the conclusion, by a majority of two to one, that the public interest in England and Wales (whatever might be the position in Scotland) would best be served by retaining, for the time being at least, the present restrictions upon conveyancing for fee or reward.

The interested reader is commended to chapter 21 of the report (Cmnd 7648) for 43 closely-reasoned pages in support of this conclusion. Nothing, so far as I am aware, has occurred since then to invalidate that conclusion, which is still under consideration by Government. The commission identified a need

further to improve and simplify the present law and procedure relating to the transfer of land, taking into account in so doing the multifarious associated problems of planning, family and tax law, and suggested that the Law Commission should undertake this task. Such simplification, when achieved, would be welcome and could only serve to reduce the time and expense currently involved in buying and selling land and houses.

It is also disturbing that the

drafters of the House Buyers Bill have apparently not thought it necessary, despite the clear warnings contained in the Benson report, to and training in the qualifications demanded of their new breed of licensed conveyancer". Nor is there any proposal to ensure the maintenance of ethical standards, proper accounting procedures or of any central fund to provide against the consequences of a defaulting or dishonest practitioner, such as are part of the ordinary stock-in-trade of the solicitor. It is surely premature, in the face

make any provision for education

of the royal commission's conclusions, to consider any modifi-cation of the present restrictions on conveyancing in advance of and independently from a comprehensive review and reform of the whole system of land transfer, including problems relating to conveyancing. Such a review is surely a matter

for a full Law Commission study (taking into account all legitimate interests) followed by appropriate Government-sponsored legislation, rather than for a private member's Bill which, however well-intentioned, deals only piecemeal with a part of the overall picture. Insofar as the proposals in the

present Bill relating to conveyancing stained clothes and open wounds. are intended to promote competition, then the recent relaxation of The Law Society's rules of conduct on advertising should go a long way to achieve this end, without the necessity for further legislation. I am, Sir, yours faithfully, MICHAEL WRIGHT, Chairman,

The Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar 11 South Square, Gray's Inn. WCl. December 9.

#### Children and the Pill

From Sir Bernard Braine, MP for

Castle Point (Conservative) Sir, The statement made by Dr John Havard, Secretary of the BMA, quoted in an article written by your Social Services Correspondent (December 2) on the subject of the issuing of contraceptive drugs and devices to children without their parents' consent cannot go without

Over 530 petitions have so far been presented to Parliament drawing attention to the views of the many hundreds of thousands of parents who are not only concerned but outraged at this practice.

They are calling in no uncertain terms for the Government to take action immediately to protect their children from both the medical and emotional harm which such drugs

and devices may cause.

Dr Havard is reported as having

corresponding increase in the number of unwanted teenage pregnancies. He ought to know that it is an accepted fact that readily available contraception to the young has corresponded with a dramatic increase in the number of abortions performed on young girls.

There are two main reasons for this - namely that teenagers do not make good candidates for the regular self-administration of drugs

said that if doctors were prevented

from issuing contraceptives to children then there would be a

and that freely available contraception leads to an increase in promiscuity amongst the young.
Ironically, Dr Havard's statement

has coincided with the announce-ment that both the rates of abortion and illegitimate pregnancy have reached record levels in this country. Yours faithfully BERNARD BRAINE, House of Commons.

#### Sir Oswald and Jews

From Lord Sieff of Brimpton Sir, With reference to your article in The Times of Tuesday, December 13, "Sir Oswald and the Jews", my late father, Israel Sieff, was the co-founder in 1931 of PEP (Political

and Economic Planning).
In 1932 Sir Oswald told father he wanted PEP, with whose work he was impressed, to put themselves at the disposal of his New Party and become what today we would call its think tank". He explained he was a political leader in a hurry and would

#### Cremation fees From Mr David Cargill

Sir. The doctor's fee for a certificate needed before a dead body is cremated (Family Money, December 3) is not £32, but £16. The total of £32 arises from the need for two separate certificates, one by the doctor who attended the deceased

and one by another who is neither a partner nor a relative of the former. When I qualified in 1938 the fees were one and two guineas respectwere the and two gamess respectively. Then as now there was no fee for the ordinary death certificate, which is all that is needed for burial.

DAVID CARGILL 24 High Street, Maldon.

Yours etc,

December 7.

become Prime Minister. Father explained there was no possibility of this as PEP was non-political and its findings were available for all. (Its members stretched from Harold Macmillan to Walter Citrine, the left-wing head of the TUC). He continued, however, that PEP was available to give ideas to people who cared to make use of them, but reemphasised there was no question of

party.
Sir Oswald said father was making a great mistake and that he would become Prime Minister. However, he would take advantage of the offer to have discussions with members of PEP. At this time these were no signs that Sir Oswald was antisemitic.

PEP being au adviser to one political

At a dinner subsequently at home Sir Oswald spoke very well to about 20 PEP members about his plans for the New Party. He then emphasised that a political party, in his view, must ultimately be based on emotion: "It needed a hate plank in its platform and in this case it should be the Jews".

If my memory serves me right, he continued: "Of course it doesn't apply to Jews like you, Israel". Father threw him out and never saw him again. This was before the

Nazi persecution of the Jews began. Yours faithfully, SIEFF OF BRIMPTON. Michael House, Baker Street, W.1 December 14,

# Parole as means of

From Professor J. E. Hall Williams

Sir. Your leader of December 3, in assessing the significance of the Home Secretary's initiative concern-ing certain life and long-term prisoners and announcing in advance how he proposes to use his statutory discretion to bar parole for certain categories of prisoner, recognises the new element which has now been introduced into the whole business, and even goes so far as to describe it as "a discrepant

factor". It goes on to justify this departure in two respects. The policy concerning parole has always recognised that might be against the public interest to release persons convicted of certain crimes. Secondly the introduction of parole occurred at a time when faith in the so-called 'treatment" model remained strong, but this has now faded, so that more room is found for concepts of deterrence and retribution.

Quite apart from the fact that parole provides evidence of the continuing success of the treatment" model, in that more people are kept from re-offending when released on parole than when they are released without it, may I draw attention to another consideration?

Research findings show that parole works well for all categories of risk. High-risk prisoners do rather better on parole than medium and low-risk prisoners, but all are less often reconvicted. Insofar as danger to the public is a consideration. parole reduces risk. Anyone who saw the recent

television documentary on sex offenders in Maidstone prison cannot fail to have been impressed with the need for such prisoners to be released with help and support such as a parole licence might provide.

It seems hard to justify denying parole to such offenders in the last stages of their sentence. Parole has indeed a part to play in safeguarding society, whatever one's views may be about the rehabilitative ideal. Yours faithfully,

J. E. HALL WILLIAMS. The London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London Houghton Street, WC2. December 12.

#### Survival of the fittest

From Professor R. Y. Calne, FRS Sir, Rugby is a game of speed, skill, excitement and courage - these are the reasons for its enormous and growing popularity. Sadly, thuggery has also become part of the game for a few individuals.

Some of the incidents in the recent England - All Blacks game were a travesty of the spirit of rugby, the England team entering the dressing room looked more like survivors of a bomb blast than a victorious international side, as one after another appeared with blood

Deliberate fouls are usually penalized with a free kick as for an offside infringement, but instead of being tolerated and used by some players as a "calculated risk". dangerous fouling could be elimin-

A deliberate kick or punch in the head should be likely to lead to a lost match. An automatic four-points penalty try and the offender sent off for the rest of the match would have a rapid beneficial effect.

I was told recently by an

international referee that if referees interpreted the rules in this way they would no longer be invited to officiate. Unless the rugby authorities decide to adopt such a policy the great game will sink in stature and enjoyment for players and Speciators. Yours faithfully.

k. Y. CALNE. University of Cambridge Clinical School, Department of Surgery, Level 9. Addenbrooke's Hospital, Hills Road,

#### Paddington derailment

From the Rev John Curtis

Sir. One can perhaps imagine a Swindon-trained railwayman leaving your correspondent (November 24) with the impression that the "buck-eye" coupling system is new. However, no fan of the London and North Eastern Railway could allow such a false record to pass unremarked.

wherever possible; his predecessor on the Great Northern Railway as Carriage and Wagon Superintendent, E. F. Howlden, introduced the Gould Centre complex to the East Coast main line in 1889.

Perhaps there were earlier examples in Britain. Certainly they are a century old across the Atlantic limb.

#### Missing the bus

Sir. Readers of your Friday back page article. "Deserted village mourns vanishing bus" (December 9) may have noticed that the

sometimes carries a passenger. Yours faithfully,

Norfolk. December 9.

By Geraldine Norman

The British Library announced

written and illuminated in

England and in superb condition, It has bought it from the Duke of Rutland for an

undisclosed sum, believed to be

The purchase helps to explain

the lack of interest from British

institutions in the Henry the

Lion Gospels for which the

German Government paid £8.1m at Sotheby's last week.

When the Gospels came up for

sale the British Library was in

the last stages of a long negotiation for the acquisition

of an exceptionally beautiful

manuscript, closely associated with British artistic and social

The Duke of Rutland said

yesterday that most of the proceeds would go into a maintenance fund for his home.

Belvoir Castle. "We have many

valuable objects here in the

castle", he said. "But they do not earn any money. This

manuscript was really too

precious to put on view, so we decided to sell."

advantages available for a sale to a British institution were so

substantial that he had not

thought of selling it elsewhere. Moreover, his father had been a

keen antiquarian and trustee of

the British Museum. "This was

very much in my mind in

deciding it should go to the British Library". Sir Frederick Dainton, chair-

man of the British Library Board, described the manu-

script yesterday as the crown of

how much it had been able to

find towards the purchase from

its own funds, but acknowl-

The Prime Minister was host at a luncheon given yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of Shaikh

Amin Gemayel, President of the

Lebanese Republic. The other

Lebentse Ampassador, Mr Ferouk Jabre. Colonel Muhammad Al-Khali, Mr Michael Heseline, MP, Mr Richard Luce, MP, Mr H D A C Mers, Sir Anthony Parsons, and Mr John Coles.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC. Secretary of

State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs, was host yesterday at

a luncheon given at Lancaster House in honour of the High Commissioner for Australia and

Mid Atlantic Club Sir Peter Marshall was the guest of

honour and speaker at a luncheon arranged by the Mid Atlantic Club of London at the English-Speaking

Union yesterday. Sir John Peel was

Mr Enoch Powell, MP, was the

guest speaker at a luncheon of the Lunchtime Comment Club held yesterday, Mr Basil Evans, chair-

Conservative Foreign and Common-wealth Council

West African Committee, presided

at a luncheon given in the House of Commons yesterday in honour of Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Minister of

State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs.

**Dinners** 

Mr A. S. Hibberd

A memorial service for Mr A. Stuart

Hibberd was held yesterday at All Souls, Langham Place. Mr Tollef

Berg, former director, TV News, NRK, Norway, and Mr John Snagge, formerly head of presentation, BBC Radio, read the lessons and an address was given by the Rev

Elsie Chamberlain, formerly pro-ducer, "Silver Lining". The BBC Singers also took part. Among those

st, MP, Chairman of the

Lanchtime Comment Club

The library did not disclose

the library's collection.

Luncheons

Prime Minister

The duke said that the tax

traditions.

between £1.5m and £2m.

Over £1.5m paid for

the Rutland Psalter

The British Library announced yesterday the acquisition of a thirteenth-century psalter, written, and illuminated in

me nomina que un

A lively marginal illustration from the Rutland Psalter

£400,000 by the National Heritage Memorial Fund,

£50,000 by the National Art-

Collections fund, and £3,000 by

the Friends of the National

page miniatures richly embel-

lished with gold leaf, ornamen-

president, and the council held a

Hall. I BE guests included.
The Danish Ambassador, the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Keith of Kinkel, the Master of the Rolls, the President, Family Division, the Soliciner Ceneral, Lord Insice Griffiths, Lord Inside Wattless, VC, Mr Justice Woolf, Mr Allen, Mr

hall. The guests included.

English-Speaking Union

Mr Warren Zimmermann, Deputy

bassy, Moscow, was the guest of

bonour and speaker at a dinner arranged by the English-Speaking Union at Dartmouth House last

night. Sir Philip Adams, Chairman of the ESU Current Affairs

Committee, presided and Mr Alar Lee Williams, ESU director-general

Company of Tin Plate Workers alias Wire Workers

The Christmas court dinner of the

Kempner, presided and the other

speakers were the guest of bonour, Mr David Sumberg, MP, and Mr E

9th/12th Royal Lancers
The annual dinner of officers of the

9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's) took place at the Cavalry and Guards Club yesterday. The Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General J. M. Brockbank, presided.

Franco-British Parliamentary Re-

lations Committee
Sir Anthony Meyer, MP, Chairman,
was host last night at a reception
given by the Franco-British Parlia-

mentary Relations Committee in

the House of Commons in honour of the French Ambassador and Mme Emmanuel de Margerie.

Memorial services

proposed a vote of thanks.

Service dinner

Reception

Chief of Mission, American Em

The manuscript has six full-

Libraries.

Alpine Club

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MR MARCUS MARSH Execu Notable racehorse trainer Mr Marcus Marsh, the Early in 1946, however, racehorse trainer, died on Charlie Smirke, the jockey, persuaded the Irish owners of a Casin

horse named The Bug to send He will always be associated with two great horses. Windsor their mount to Marsh at Lad and Tulyar which both won Newmarket, saying there was the Derby and many other more prize money to be won this side of the Irish Sea. The Bug proved to be the season's trainer for King Edward VII champion sprinter and his new and King George. V he learned trainer was once again in the his profession first with his limelight.

father at Newmarket and then Four years later, Marsh moved into Fitzroy House at at Beckhampton under his uncle Fred Darling one of the Newmarket with a three year Turf's most successful trainers. In the winter of 1928 Captain who sent him 35 horses and a number of his best yearings. Within a few months he won Dick Gooch, who trained at West Ilsey, was seriously injured in the hunting field, and the 1950 Two Thousand Gui-Marsh was invited to take neas for his new patron with charge of the stable. In 1929 he Palestine and in 1952 he finished top of the trainers' list a year in which Tulyar won the was grapted a licence and became England's youngest ainer.

Derby, the St Leger, the Eclipse
He was barely 30, and the and the King George VI and youngest trainer ever to saddle a Queen Elizabeth Stakes Smitke Derby winner, when Windsor shared in all these triumphs and lad carried the Maharaja of the friendship between trainer

Rappipla's colours to victory at and this brilliant, mercural Ensom in 1934. The horse was jockey lasted throughout their subsequently bought by Martin lives. Benson, a well known book-It was a cruel blow when that same autumn Tulyar was sold without Marsh's knowledge to the Irish National Stud for maker, but he remained with Marsh's Lambourn Stable for which he later won the St Leger. £250,000. A worse set back the Coronation Cup and the followed in 1954 when the Aga Eclipse Stakes.
This champion was always a Khan suddenly announced his

special favourite with his trainer whose fine judgment in withdrawai from the British buying him for 1,300 guineas at the Newmarket Yearling Sales Prince Aly, who loved a gamble on his horses irrespecwas recompensed with £36.257 tive of their merits, must at

dentist at Guy's Hospital, in London, in 1931. He developed an interest in the treatment of gum disease, for which he made innovative use of sodium hypochlorite, and extended the principle to other types of

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major classics. A son of Richard Marsh,

When the Second World War broke out he was called up to serve as a dentist in the Royal Navy, but because of his

interest in burns and other kinds of wound, which he had found he could treat with Bogdanov, 45; Lord Croham, 66; hypochlorite, he was seconded for research in that area, and Witson, 57; Dr Una Kroll, 58; Sir worked in Oxford and New-costle. castle.

healing.

make a bag out of a rubber tube, with which he enclosed the wounded part, and to irrigate the wound with a solution of sodium hypochlorite. The outstanding characteristics of this method were the control of

Other estates include (net before

tax paid):
Broom Smith, Mr Christopher, of
High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire
5558 245

'Times' columnists Olivia Timbs and Lorraine Fraser

The Times. Olivia Timbs, who is Editor of Medeconomics, and Lorraine Fraser, who is Science Editor of

Birthdays today Mr David Abell, 41; Lord Acton, 76; Sir Denis Barnes, 69; Mr Michael

Appea Chib
The Alpine Club's annual dinner
was held on Saturday December 10.
1983, at the Kensington Close
Hotel. Lord Chorley, president,
presided and the chief guest was Sir
Robert Armstrong, Secretary of the have won the 1983 Lilly Medical Journalism Research Award for their Medical Briefing column in

General Practioner, write jointly on

Company of Tin Plate Workers alias Wire Workers was held last night at Trinity House. Master, Mr D A

Mr John Bowman, an historian and broadcaster, has won the seventh Christopher Ewart-Biggs memorial prize for his book, De Valera and the Ulster Question 1917-1973.

The £1,500 prize, presented by Seamus Heaney, the poet, in Belfast list was the poet of the Belfast high the awarded annually to

last night, is awarded annually to author who has helped understanding between Britain and the Irish Republic.

## Research award for

Edwards, Mr Arthur Oake, of Pinner, West London £212,851 Rowse, Mr Herbert Cecil, of St Austell, Cornwall £328,159 Smith, Mr Henry Lawless, solicitor, of Pendle, Lancashire £222,679

#### **Ewart-Biggs prize** Law Society The President of the Law Society, Mr Christopher Hewetson, the vicefor historian

known how it arrived there.

marginal illustrations.

alternate Fridays in The Times.

Eugene Melville, 72: Mr Oscar Niemeyer, 76; Miss Edna O'Brien, 47; Viscount Trenchard, 60.

#### Latest wills

Mrs Letitia Mary Bretherton, of Godalming. Surrey, left estate valued £175,226 net. After other bequests she left the residue to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Mr Anthony Thomas Hillier, of Twyford. Berks, who died intestate, left estate valued at £742,112 net.

she was designed for a classical career. Winning scholarships and gold medals at the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music (of which this year she was made a Fellow), she gave recitals as an

amusingly nonchalant Farrar as television (six months in Crosscellist, and a constant flow of roads) and radio.

they were in various London her.

of pathos served her in such a ship with Gwen Farrar, that in testing part as Huguette in *The* music hall and revue kept its lagabond King (Winter Garspecial flavour and zest, she den, London, 1927). She was back in revue with Farrar in 1930 and at the Palladium in 1932 they made their vaudeville Norah Blaney was a guest on

various occasions, between 1936 and 1940, with the Carl Rosa Opera Company. She returned to the stage as Maud in Noel Coward's Waiting in the Wings (Duke of York's, 1960), which brought back several celebrated players: two years accomplished young pianist. celebrated players, two years
During the First World War, later she was Mistress Overdone with a Lena Ashwell concert and First Witch at Stratfordparty in France and Belgium, upon-Avon. At Hampstead she met Gwen Farrar; on Theatre (1965) she played the returning there began the Nurse in James Roose-Evans's production of Hippolytus.

She was also much in

After four years on the halls, second husband predeceased

#### MR ROBERT MENDL

A correspondent writes: Robert Mendl, who died on peare (1964). December 9, at the age of 91, was the younger son of Sir S. F. Mendl, KBE and, like his father and only son now a circuit udge, was educated at Harrow, University College, Oxford, and creative mind, and the complex called to the Bar by the Inner

showed himself to be increasingly concerned with the influence of religious faith on the interaction of man and artist

Mendl rarely allowed his World Wars, he spent most of deep convictions to obtrude in his working life in the pet- his personal relations, but roleum industry; but he will modestly practised the Christian ethic in terms of tolerance for the many articles he contributed to musical journals. and as the author of six books writer of verse and teller of

## **CIRCULAR BUCKINGHAM PALACE**

December 14: The Queen this morning opened Newham General Hospital, Plaistow.
Having been received by the Mayor of Newham (Councillor H. T. Philpott) and the Chairman of Sitwell) and the President, Arab Women's Emergency Reiter Fund (Madame Sawsan Almanqour).

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the District Health Authority (Lady Sherman). Her Majesty unveiled a commemorative plaque, met members of the staff, and toured the

attended the charity premiere of the film Never Say Never Again, in aid of the London Federation of Boys' Clubs, the Bowles Outdoor Pursuits Centre, and the Variety Club of Great Britain, at the Warner Theatre, Leicester Square.

Wing Commander Adam Wise The Queen later opened St artholomew's Church and Centre. East Ham. After unveiling a commemorative plaque. Her Majesty, escorted by the Team Rector, Parish of East Ham (the Reverend Stephen Lowe), toured the Charch and Centre and

visited the Springboard Housing Association flat complex. Afterwards The Queen visited the Passmore Edwards Museum Interpretative Centre and Nature

Reserve at the Church of St Mary Magdalene, East Ham (Curator, Mr L G. Robertson; Team Vicar, the Reverend J. Fellows).
Her Majesty opened and toured

the Centre, escorted by the Chairman of the Museum Governors (Councillor J. J. Haggerty).

Lady Susan Hussey, Mr. Robert Fellowes, and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in mendance.
The President of the Lebanese epublic visited The Queen at

Buckingham Palace this afternoon.
The Queen, Chief Patron, this evening attended a Gala Concert arranged by Motability at St James's

Her Majesty was received on arrival by the Vice-Chairman of Motability (Mr Jeffrey Sterling) and the Governor of Motability (Sir Lady Susan Hussey, Sir William Heselune, and Lieutenant-Colonel

Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.
The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, this evening gave a Reception at Buckingham Palace for Friends of The Duke of Edinburgh's

The engagement is announced between Alex, son of Mrs Susan

The engagement is announced

between Christopher Michael, younger son of Mr and Mrs F. W.

Andrews, of Cheltenham, Glouces

tershire, and Virginia Carole, younger daughter of Mr James

Mr R. St. B. Laughton and Miss E. V. W. Swan The engagment is announced between Roger, son of Professor B.

K. B. Laughton. of Kingston, Ontario, and Mrs M. O. Laughton,

Christening

Cathedral on Sunday, December 11

by the Dean of Salisbury; the Very

Rev Sydney Evans, assisted by Canon Dudley Hodges. The god-parents are the Rev Dr William

Scientists at the University

of California, Berkeley, found that plants normally vulnerable to temperatures only two

degrees centigrade below freezing could survive 10

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on, MBE, and Mrs Thomp-

**Forthcoming** 

Caron, of Paris, France,

and Miss V. C. Thompson

son, of Ash, Somerset

Mr D. Cory and Mrs J. R. Cordy-Simpson

marriages

and Miss J. Hall

of Snowdon was present this evening at a gala performance of Humpty Dumpty held at the New Theatre, Cardiff in aid of Barnardo's. attended a Supper given by the Margaret Pyke Memorial Trust (Chairman, Sir Douglas Black) at Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The the Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High Street, W8.

The Duke of Edinburgh later left

Queen's Flight, was attended by The Countess Alexander of Tunis and Major The Lord Napier and

Mr J. Thorse

and Miss H. R. Goddard The engagement is announced between James, third son of Mr P. A. Thorne, MC, and Mrs Thorne, of Canterbury, and Helen, second daughter of Mrs J. R. Goddard and the late Mr G. C. Goddard, of

Mr E. H. Wolkey and Miss L. J. Pallas

Clive and the late R. C. Clive, of Newent, Gloucestershire, and Jenny, daughter of Sir Peter Hall, of Chelsca, London, and Mme Leslie The forthcoming marriage is announced between Edward Harold, son of Mr and Mrs K. W. Wolkey, of Washington, United States, and Laura Jayne, daughter Conway Street, London, W1.

and Miss A. L. Kerr

The engagement is announced between John William, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. S. Woodhouse, of Lancing College, Sussex, and Alison Louise, younger daughter of

The engagement is announced between David Cory, of Bluetts. Peterston-Super-Ely. Glamorgan, and Diana Cordy-Simpson, of Little Orchard, Mill Lane, Beckington. Wirral, Cheshire. Marriages

Mr S. T. Blackney and Miss F. S. Walter The marriage took place on Saturday, December 10th, 1983 at Bilton, Rugby, between Mr Stephen Blackney, of Melbourne, Australia, and Miss Sally Walter, daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Walter, of

Barby, Northamptonshire.

Mr K. M. Turner and Ms P. A. A. Clark The marriage took place on Wednesday, December 14, in London between Mr Keith Turner, younger son of the late Mr Frederick Turner and of Mrs Eva Turner, of Burnham, Buckinghamshire, and Ms Penelope Clark, eldest daughter of Mr Martin Corke and of the late

Mrs Jean Corke, of Gt Weinetham Suffolk. Archdeacon to be

The infant son of Mr and Mrs John Cordle was christened Howard Peter Carl Gustas in Salisbury Bishop of Bradford The Ven Robert Kerr Williamson. Archdeacon of Nottingham since 1978, is to be the next Bishop

of Bradford.

Mr Williamson, who will be aged 51 on Sunday, succeeds the Right Rev Geoffrey Paul, who died in luly The waynesst of 14 children. Hogan (for whom Lord Teynham stood proxy), Mr Anthony Benton-Bohannon, Mr Rupert Cordle, Dr July. The youngest of 14 children, he was brought up in Belfast, where his father, a Protestant, worked in the shipyards. His mother was a Roman Catholic. The archdeacon is Peter Siebenbergen. Mrs James Macgregor. Mrs Martin Davies, Miss Marina Cordle, and Miss

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on arrival by the Lord Mayor of Westminster (Councillor Mrs P

Mrs Richard Carew Pole was in

The Prince Andrew this evening

attended the charity première of the

CLARENCE HOUSE
December 14: Queen Elizabeth The
Queen Mother was present this
evening at a Reception given at The

London Library.
Lady Angela. Oswald and Sir
Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

December 14: The Prince and Princess of Wales this morning visited the exhibition, Albert, His

Life and Work, at the Royal College of Art, Kensington Gore, SW7. Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and

Major David Bromhead were in

tendance. Their Royal Highnesses, Duke

and Duchess of Cornwall, this afternoon visited old age pensioners

in the Manor of Kennington.

Mr John Higgs was in attendance.

December 14: The Princess Marga-

December 14: The Princess Manga-ret. Countess of Snowdon today visited Cardiff and was received on arrival at Cardiff-Wales Airport by Her Majesty's Lieutenant for South

Glamorgan (Mrs Susan Williams). Her Royal Highness, as President

of Barnardo's, this afternoon visited the Day Centre at Ely. West Cardiff,

and the Barnardo's Office in

Newport Road.
The Princess Margaret, Countess

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Wynn, RN, was in attendance.
The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark
Phillips, President of the Save the
Children Fund, this evening Service, A Candlelight Carol
Service, A Challeman Story, pre-

attended the Arab Gala Dinner at the Savoy Hotel.

Her Royal Highness was received Parish Church of St Peter, Oundle.

Miss Jane Egenon-Warburton

ST JAMES'S PALACE December 14: The Duke of Kent, Chairman of the United Kingdom

Committee of European Music Year

1985, this morning took the charr at a Committee Meeting at the Arts Council, 105, Piccadilly, London,

The Duchess of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief of the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards, this morning received Lieutenant-Colonel P. A. M.

Gilruth on his assuming command of the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards and Colonel C. T. J. Wright on his relinquishing the appoint-

Her Royal Highness this after-

noon received Commander Forbes-Robertson, RN, following the paying-off of HMS Kent earlier this

December 14: Princess Alexandra presented the 1983 Woman's Own Children of Courage Awards in Westminster Abbey this morning.

Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox

Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, The Light Infantry, this afternoon received Major-General B. M. Lane, Colonel of the Regiment, and Commanding Officers Lieutenant-Colonel T. M. Barker (7th Battalion), Lieutenant-Colonel A. D. Brown (6th Battalion), Lieutenant-Colonel C. M. S. Kaye (2nd Battalion), and Lieutenant-Colonel R. D. Vellacott (5th Battalion).

The Duchess of Kent will attend the

annual Standard drama awards

ceremony at the Savoy Hotel on

A memorial service for Sir Tom Hickinbotham will be held today at 11.30 in the Chapel of St Michael and St George, St Paul's Cathedral.

A memorial service for Sir John and Lady Fisher will be held today at !!

at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guild-

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr F. C. D. Parkinson will be

held at St Clement Danes, Strand, on Monday, December 19, at noon.

Latest appointments

January 24.

A memoria

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE

Duke of Wellington to be President of the Atlantic Salmon Trust, Vice-Admiral Sir Hugh Mackenzie to be vice-president, Mr David Clarke, chairman, Sir Ernest Woodroofe,

Dr R. L. Bell to be Director Genera of the Agricultural Development and Advisory Service, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, from March 1984. Mr Michael Brown to be Head-master of St Anne's School, Windermere, in September, 1984, in succession to Mr Michael Jenkins.

[egal Mr Charles Peter Morton Davidson and Mr Royald Trevor Moss to be litan Stipendiary Magis-

trates in January.

University news Dr Roy Holmes, reader in mechanical engineering, at Sussex University, has been appointed to a chair in mechanical engineering from September 1 1984

from September 1, 1984. Professor Hilary Williams, proressor of management science, Edinburgh University, has been appointed to the chair of operational research in the faculty of mathematical Studies, from April 1,

Signera Cagiati
Princess Alexandra and the Hon
Angus Ogilvy attended a dinner
given in their honour last night by
the Italian Ambassador and Signora
Cagiati at the Italian Embassy.
Other guests included:
The Belgiam Ambassador and Mine Vaes. Grants

Ministry of Defenice: £39,048 to Dr J

Hughes for research on high-energy
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Noble for research into the high
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stainless steel: 247,985 to Dr D F Williams
for a study of Iribological creep and
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Professor O H Petersol to set up the "NRC
Secretory Control Research Groups".
241,926 to Dr J R Saunders and Dr C A
Hart for research into molecular genetics,
DNA cloating and role in pathogenicity of
genes encoding hierarchic capsules; 246,304
to Dr P D G Dean for a study of the
identification, purification and assay of
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Science report

## Protecting plants from frost

By Clive Cookson, Technology Correspondent

A new strain of bacteria, produced by genetic engineering, may protect plants against frost damage. If so, the world's fruit and vegetable growers could save many millions of agricultural frost protection might be to kill off all Pseudomouss in the crops, and pounds worth of crops that are now lost when the temperature falls below freezing. Experiments in the United

States showed that bacteria living narurally on many plants make them vulnerable to slight frosts. The bacteria (of the genus Pseudomonas) are damaging because their cell walls contain a protein that is a particularly good nucleus for the formation of ice crystals. The crystals destroy delicate plant tissues as they

The simplest approach to

some American researchers are trying to do so by spraying fields with a virus that attacks But the Berkeley group believes that a better method

would be to spray crops with an altered strain of Pseudomo-nas that does not make the icenucleating protein. This would protect the plants by crowding out the damaging natural The Californian scientists have identified the bacterial

gene responsible for the ice-

meleating protein and have removed it, using the usual techniques of genetic engineer-ing. Their new strain protects

plants against freezing in the laboratory, and they wanted to

Pseudomonas bacteria were test it this autumn in the open air on a potato field.

However opposition from environmentalists, who fear that the release of genetically engineered bacteria could have dangerous consequences, has forced the University of California to postpone the test until the spring. The scientists believe that there is no risk. They point out that mutations occur constantly in the wild; indeed there is a natural strain of Pseudomonas that does not cause ice-nucleation. But gen-etic engineering would be required to produce bacteria in

sufficient quantities for com-mercial application.

Meanwhile, American entrepreneurs hope to exploit the ice-making potential of unplan to produce better artificial snow for ski resorts that do not have enough of the real thing, by adding dried bacteria to the water in the snow-making

Singers also took part. Among those present were:
Mr J Hibberd, Mr and Mrs J Palmer, Mrs L Mr Bibberd, Mr and Mrs J Palmer, Mrs L Mr Bibberd, Mr and Mrs A S Hibberd, Mr and Mrs A S Hibberd, Mr and Mrs A S Hibberd, Mr and Mrs G Hibberd, Mrs Patricta Stanley, Mrs D v McKenzie, Mrs Rathkeen Smith, Mr C J L Hibberd, Mrs Rathkeen France, Belgian, the Netherlands, Records of Prance, Belgian, Mr Metherlands, Records and Stanley, Mrs Corp. Theilper-Bill, Mr Alam Protheroe (sastsiant director-queserial), Mr Richard Francis insanaging director-queserial), Mr Richard Francis insanaging director, Radiol, Mr Charles McLeffand (deputy meaning director, Radiol, Mr Derek Chimery (controller Radiol I), Mr Derek Chimery (controller Radiol Chimery (controller Radiol Chimery (controller Radiol Chimery (controller, Radiol A), Mr John Wilson (controller, Radiol A), Mr John Wilson (Scholland and Mrs Jack).

Mr R Carr A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Robert Carr was held at Holy Trinity, Brompton on Tuesday, December 13. The Rev John Collins officiated. Mr Robert McGill read the lesson and Sir Denis Forman

gave an addition. Annoting into present were.

For Carr. Mrs Linden Annesien. Mr Charles Annesies, Mrs P Creig.

Lord and Lady Bernstein. Lady Forman, the Heat Mrs J. Corrowallis. Six P Paul Bryan, Mr Mrs J. Corrowallis. Six P Paul Bryan, Mr Mrs J. Carrieron, Mins E Armaneron, Mins E Armaneron, Mrs Mrs Carrieron, Mrs W. Buffers, Mr D Canper, Mrs & Chaptrain, Mr W. Buffers, Mr D Carriero, Mr Goles, Mr Ard Mrs Conson, Mr And Mrs T Crewley, Mr Land Mrs Conson, Mr And Mrs T Crewley, Mr

Day, Mr and Mrs P Deterrive, Mr E Demons.

Mr Declared.

Mr R Edwarde-Ker, Mrs Finkler, Mr Demons.

Mr Colesborough, Mr A Gray, Mr Johnson, Mr A R.A. Hobson road the lesson and Sir William Recs-Mogg gave an address. Among thanks, Mr B Heaver, Mr B Hostock, Mr B Hotherington, Miss M Hewitson, Mr E Hilber, Mr B Horte, Mr B Hostock, Mr and Mrs Robinson (widow). Mr and Mrs Hilber, Mr B Horte, Mr B Hostock, Mr and Mrs Robinson (widow). Mr and Mrs Coop and Mr and Mrs Harry Reeves toom-fors D James, Mr I Kibson, Mr and Mrs Coop and Mr and Mrs Goope Crover (stepson-in-law and stepdaughler). Mr and Mrs Goope Grover (stepson-in-law and stepdaughler). Mr and Mrs Goope Grover (stepson-in-law and Mrs Goope Crover). Mr Amballand, Mr and Mrs R McGrover and Miss Jorden Hortes Mrs Mrs R Mrs R

Mys Marrians, Nr. and Mys R McCitil. Mr Dissantant. Mr 2015a. Rr P Morrismans. Mr 2015a. Rr P Morrismans. Mr 2015a. Rr P Morrismans. Mr 2015a. Rr P Morrisman. Mr D Plowtrick. Mr J Ouestry. Mr and Mrs R Quillor. Mr A Quillo, Mr P Rennie, Mr D Rouwicht. Mr J Questry. Mr Anderson. Mr A Rousers. Mr M Rubinson. Mr A Rousers. Mr M Saunders. Mr M Scott. Mr A Rousers. Mr M Saunders. Mr M Scott. Mr P Smith. Mr C Solitarian. Ms S Stantey. Mr P Smith. Mr C Solitarian. Mr C Turner. Mr E J Wade. Miss J Thobias. Mr M Wallias. Mr Morrism. Mr M Wallias. Mr Mr Wallias. Mr Warter. Mr J Warter. Mr J Warter. Mr J Wallon. Mr Mr Wallon. Mr Myston. Mr M Wallon. Mr Myston. Mr Myston. Mr J Wallias. Mr Mr Marter. Mr J Wallias. Mr Mr Wallon. gave an address. Among those Mr L. K. Robinson

read the lesson and Sir William Rees-Mogg gave an address. Among those present were:

Mrs Robinson (wistow), Mr and Mrs Christohore Boogan, Mr and Mrs Reves tsominishore Boogan, Mr and Mrs George Grover (stepson-in-law and repdaughter), Mr and Mrs George Grover (stepson-in-law and repdaughter), Mr Simon Boogan, Mr Toby Philips, And Mr Charles Reeves (grandchildren), Mr Charles Reeves (grandchildren), Mr and Mrs Philips Robinson (brother and sister-la-law); Mr and Mrs Fancts Brassnon, Mr and Mrs Charles Shannon, Lord John Keyr, Lady Rees-Mogg, Str Charles Troughten, Mrs & R A Hobson, Mrs Charles Troughten, Mrs & R A Hobson, Mrs

Miss Mary Malcolm, the former television announcer,

and Mr John Snagge, the broadcaster, leaving the memorial service for Mr Stuart Hibberd at All Souls,

Langham Place, yesterday. (Photograph: John Voos).

A memorial service for Mr Lionel Robinson was held at St George's Hanover Square, yesterday. The Rev W. M. Atkins officiated,

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in winning stake money, a considerable sum in those now times have sorely tried his trainer's patience; and he, too, a year later suddenly removed those he had at Newmarket. distant davs. This run of success was the contribution of tal initials, and charming interrupted by the outbreak of war for which Marsh volun-At the end of 1964 Marsh retired after more than 30 years It is not known where or for teered for the RAF. Shot down as a trainer. whom the manuscript was over Holland on an early His first marriage to Eileen made, but at this date it is likely Bennett, the Wimbledon tennis bomber sortie he spent five to be the product of a secular player, was broken by the war vests as a prisoner of war. workshop. It is recorded in the and in 1947 he married Wends With the end of hostilities he Rutland family collection from returned to racing - a trainer Crossman, to whom he ower 1825 onwards, but it is not without owners, horses or even much in the smooth running in his social and business life MR JOHN BUNYAN Mr John Bunyan, who died with which to cover numed in London on December 3, was limbs. The first ones were made a dentist who became interested from silk impregnated with in the treatment of burns and flexible bakelite, and they were who invented the Bunyan Bag. eventually issued to air and These bags were used to enclose tank crews, as well as to the a part of the body which had been burned or wounded, and a Navy. They did much to give protection from the effects of development of them was used burns, and became known as Bunyan Bags.
After the war was over by the Royal Navy in the Falklands campaign last year. Bunyan set up a dental practice in the West End of London. His Bunyan was born in 1907, the son of an officer of the Royal hag method was largely super-Marines. He qualified as a seded by the advent and general use of antibiotics, but he

continued his research. In 1956 research fellowship at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, and from 1969 to 1975 he was visiting professor at the University of Texas Medical Branch

Galveston, where he found support for his work. Bunyan was a man of great originality and enthusiasm, who travelled to many parts of the world to collect and impart information. As the limitations of antibiotics in the Ireatment of burns and wounds became His original method was to healing properties of the hypoof interest in his work on the

chlorites, carried out over 40 He retired from dentistry in 1973, but continued his work at his private laboratory at his home in Walmer, in Kent, and on frequent visits to the United

infection and the free and painless movement it allowed Bunyan was a Fellow of the the patient, which led to rapid Royal Institution, and a member of several medical societies Early in the war, however, he From 1958 to 1960 he was took the process further when president of the Royal Microshe began cooperation with copical Society. His wife died in William Stannard, an industri- 1969, and he is survived by copical Society. His wife died in alist, in the making an isolator their three children.

#### MISS NORAH BLANEY

Miss Norah Blaney, the revues during the early twenties actress, who died on December also in New York and - with 7 aged 90, had been one of the the Ziegfeld Follies - at Palm theatre's most versatile figures. Beach. Norah Blaney's quality Besides the renowned partnership with Gwen Farrar, that in music hall and revue kept its appeared in music-drama, pan-tomime. opera, and even Shakespeare and Greek tragedy. A Londoner, daughter of an oboist with Sir Henry Wood.

she met Gwen Farrar; on returning there began the partnership "about a piano", an act with herself as pianist, the

Temple.

Apart from service in both

wrote Revelation in Shakes-

In his later writings Mendl within the human personality.

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**Investors** 

stay away

The equity market can for shelter yesterday as most of the activity in the City continued to

centre on the money market where the pound was again

Turnover almost dried up to a trickle and this was reflected in

the FT Index which having been

1.5 down, closed 0.5 up at 751.1. With Christmas near investors

having a bad time.

#### FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

**Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet** 

## Casino merger game spins to a standstill

The Monopolies Commission has, much it would be against the public interest if it as expected, turned down the Pleasurama Trident merger on the grounds that the threats it would pose to competition in London's casino land are against the public interest. Yesterday's decision, which has been accepted by Mr Norman Tebbit, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, takes both companies and the third party in this tangled affair, Grand Metropolitan, back to square one, as far as the gaming business in London is concerned.

The commission's verdict was not a majority: one - there was one dissenting voice on the six-man team - but the majority clearly came down on the side of the Gaming Board, which opposed the merger, and against Pleasurama and Trident, whose £55m agreed deal to merge was first announced last March.

The stated reasons for the decision are that the merger would increase concentration of ownership in London's casino business to an unwelcome degree, and would also make it even harder for new entrants to join what is already a highly regulated business. On the face of it, this was a curious finding since the merger itself would, on the commission's figures, have produced a company with five out of London's 19 casinos but only 23 per cent of the "drop" or money staked. (This awesome sum reached £894m in London in the last year).

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This is where Grand Met - which controls six casinos and 44 per cent of the drop - comes into the picture. The whole key to the commission's verdict is its acceptance of the argument that Pleasurama would effectively allow it to exercise undue influence over the new merged company, thereby obtaining control over two-thirds of the capital's casino business. The fact that GrandMet itself pressed this was able to extend its influence in this way is only one of the more bizarre twists in

this whole exercise.

As well as its 29.9 per cent interest in Pleasurama. GrandMet also runs two casinos, thr Ritz and Cassanova, with Pleasurama as its junior partner. Relations between the two companies have not been easy recently, but GrandMet's chairman, Mr Stanley Grinstead, will clearly be happy with the outcome.

The Gaming Board does not like GrandMet keeping its stake in Pleasurama but, the Monopolies Commission says it is up to the companies to sort things out between them. This puts the onus firmly on Pleasurama: the verdict clearly means it cannot expand its casino interests any more until GrandMet's influence has been

As for Trident, whose unhappy affairs have been in the headlines again recently, it was expecting the verdict. After the abortive management buyout of its safari and film interests and their subsequent sale to a private company announced last week, the company, whose shares were up 2p yesterday, continues to look like one looking for a bidder, although this was denied last night by Mr David Hudd, its new managing director.

The commission's one dissenting member, Mr N L Salmon, doubted whether GrandMet would be able to influence Pleasurama and the new merged company as much as his colleagues argued. He also believes the barrier to new entrants would not have been anything like as high as the commission makes out. In any case, Mr Salmon argues, the merger would not be against the public interest, even if GrandMet's influence is allowed. His reasons are that the casino business is excessively regulated, involves comparatively few people, and is not subject to

# Allianz and BAT up stakes in tit-for-tat takeover battle

THE TIMES THURSDAY DECEMBER 15 1983

Both Allianz Versicherungs, the West German insurance group, and BAT Industries, the British tobacco and retailing empire, raised their record-breaking takeover bids for Eagle Star yesterday.

But the moves were seen in he stock market as mere sorties in the battle for control which is not expected to reach its climax until next week.

Allianz was first to act. Complying with Takeover Panel rules that it must meet a promise to top BAT's £914m bid, it raised the ante margin-ally to £917m - 665p a share at 9.30 am. Ninety minutes later, BAT was back again with a £934m bid worth 675p a

was immediately

by the Eagle Star board of directors which has persistently backed BAT as the preferred suitor and spurned the attempts of the West German company to win agreed takeover terms. Eagle Star shares, apparently oblivious to the day's develop-ments, continued to trade on the stock market at prices

by more overtime and less

short-time working.
Figures published yesterday
by the Department of Employ-

ment show that average earn-

per cent, but is unchanged from

the previous two months'

earnings figures.
The department calculates

that extra hours in the form of

overtime and reduced short-

time working accounted for up

**Objection** 

by Britoil

to shipyard

takeover

From Our Correspondent

Glasgow

troubled Scott Lithgow yard on the lower Clyde, which would

involve a temporary takeover

by its main customer, Britoil, was described as "unaccept-

able" by the oil company

Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Scotland.

and Mr Graham Day, British

Shipbuilders' chairman, are

expected to discuss the scheme in London today.

But, in a terse statement, Britoil said: "This is not an option which is under consider-

yesterday.

A scheme to save part of the

ings grew at an underlying rate of 7.75 per cent in the year to Short-tin October. This compares with the latest inflation figure of 5 The eff

recommended to shareholders

substantially greater than the latest offers. The price closed just 2p lower at 717p in the belief that the

bidding will not end until a value of £1 billion - worth 724p a share - is reached.

Allianz made clear that it was still to decide what level of bid it should make. It said it was well advanced in its full review of this. A decision would be made next week.

Allianz said that it was still committed to pursuing the takeover bid in spite of BAT's ofter and it urged Eagle Star shareholders not to sell their shares in the stock market.

The significance of this statement was not lost on dealers who said it indicated a willingness by Allianz to pay more than 717p a share. The Takeover Panel is also

in this statent, made immediately after BAT raised its offer since it could be taken as an indication of intentions.

The seriousness of Allianz's

Wages outstrip inflation

By Jenathen Davis, Financial Correspondent

running ahead of the rate of increase in manufacturing in-inflation, and are being boosted dustry and 0.75 per cent of the not a particularly significant

Short-time working is the lowest since October 1979.

The effect of these extra

payments is to put an upward

pressure on earnings at a time

industry is hoping to reduce

The suspensions are what Lloyd's terms "administrative"

rather than punitive and are to

give the Lloyd's investigations

committee more time to con-

sider the conclusions of the

inquiry into the Alexander

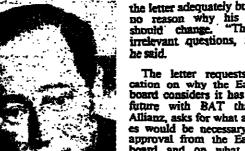
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when the Government and

general increase.

Average earnings are still to 1.25 per cent of the earnings that the recovery is beginning to



Sir Denis Mountain: "Irrelevant questions."

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£3000m syndicated loan was being arranged on its behalf.

Allianz again wrote to Sir Denis Mountain yesterday requesting further information. said to be taking a keen interest Failure to provide this could deprive shareholders of the best possible price for their shares, it

guide, however, to the overall

point since this time last year,

the early spring.

no reason why his position should change. "These are should change. These are irrelevant questions, frankly,

The letter requests clarifi-cation on why the Eagle Star board considers it has a better future with BAT than with Allianz, asks for what assurances would be necessary to win approval from the Eagle Star board and on what basis a higher offer from Allianz would draw a recommendation from the Eagle Star board. It also requests information on busi-

Mr George Magan, a director of Morgan Grenfell, Allianz's merchant bank adviser, said he found it surprising that BAT had not already asked or the kind of information that Allianz was requesting. "These are straightforward questions about the business," he said.

This drew a firm rebuttal from Lazard Brothers director, Mr Tom Manners, who is advising BAT. "If they'll mind ught for control appeared to be Sir Denis said last night that their business, we will mind underlined in the City where a he had not had time to study ours," he said.

LONDON CLOSE

**Sterling** \$1.4170 down 25pts

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Discount market loans week

Treasury long bond 993/42 ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme

But Mr Richard Weir, sec-

Uncertainties over the pound

#### Home loans cash still flowing in

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

The amount of overtime worked in October, 11.72 million hours a week, is up sharply and is the highest since guide, however, to the overtime earnings trend since only about 5 per cent of settlements are reached in the month.

The department does not Savings continued to flow into the building societies last The department does not month, enabling them to keep lending at near-record levels expect any marked change until and further build their reserves. However, with demand for mortgages still strong, there is Unit wage costs in industry rose slightly from 3.6 per cent to no sign of an early cut in the 4.2 per cent in the latest three mortgage rate from 11.25 per months. Average earnings have failen by only I percentage

Net receipts last month of £870m were below the record of £987m reached the previous month.But the receipts were still the best for a November and the societies also raised a further £249m net by issuing bonds and certificates of deposit

in the City.

Normally, savings deposits decline in the run-up to Christmas, but the attractive interest rates offered by the building societies has helped to keep the money coming in and net receipts have topped £800m in each of the last three months.

The societies have stil consolidated their liquidity although mortgage lending by them was the second highest on record last month at £1,710m, and a further £1,836m was promised to homebuyers. Their liquidity ratio, down as low as 17.1 per cent in June, has now cent.

retary-general of the Building Societies Association hinted vesterday that the societies could not afford to lower their interest rates.

It was likely, he said, that lending records would soon be broken and added: "Mortgage demand remains strong for the time of year and, in order to meet this demand, societies will continue to need the high level

and domestic interest rates may discourage the building societies from considering an early move on the mortgage rate,

#### appear in no rush to open new positions and the market is expected to drift gently lower until the New Year. Market report, page 16

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT index: 751.1 up 0.5 FT Gifts: 82.30 down 0.13 FT All Share: 463.21 down

0.29 Bargains: 19,982 Datastream USM Leader: Index:95.34 up 0.01 New York: Dow Jones Average: 1252.34 down 3.54 Tokyo: Nikkel Dow Jones Index 9,401.17

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CURRENCIES

Index 81.8 down 0.2 DM 3.9225 down 0.0100 FrF 11.9525 down 0.0400 Yen 333.25 down 2.25

**Sterling** \$1.4160 Dollar DM 2.7655

Domestic rates: Bank base rates 9 Finance houses base rate 91/2 fixed 874 3 month interbank 99/6-97/6

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\*Excludes VAT

#### argument on the commission arguing that normal conditions of competition. Rules for a trading union

brokers and stockjobbers may begin competing with the American banks dealing internationally in overseas

securities. A final debate on the draft rules is likely on Tuesday, after which a period of consultation will be needed. Proposed is the ability for brokers and jobbers to join forces in international dealing

partnerships. Part of the promise made by Sir Nicholas Goodison, the Stock Exchange chairman, to Mr Cecil Parkinson, former Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, was that the exchange would look much more internationally.

The basis of these untested broker/ jobber unions are of paramount importance. This is the first example of what will effectively be dual capacity with brokers and jobbers allowed to give net prices, deal with anyone, but charge no

and an agent in Britain has hitherto been restricted to Eurobond and financial futures dealers. Rules covering these international dealerships may well prove a basis for other changes as the exchange moves

The ability to act both as a principal

The Stock Exchange has got down to towards dual capacity at home, a move tackling the fine detail of how stockcommission system.

The exchange has already taken the first steps towards abolition of set commissions by introducing negotiated rates on overseas securities dealing.

Broadly, the new rules will insist that international dealerships will be confined exclusively to overseas stocks, will be a limited corporate member of the exchange, under the control of member firms with a majority of stock exchange members on the board.

Outsiders will be able to own up to 49.99 per cent of the dealerships and it one is formed as a subsidiary the exchange is likely to insist that the parent firm's entire international business be placed in it. The dealerships will have no London trading floor presence.

The contract note of the international dealerships will spell out that customers are not covered by the Stock Exchange's revered compensation fund.

Just who is and who is not covered by the fund introduces a much broader question. At times when other selfregulated markets are falling over themselves to follow in the exchange's footsteps by setting up such a fund, it would seem odd not to insist on such a fund

**NEWS IN BRIEF** 

commission.

#### **EuroRoute** 'ahead' in channel link

EuroRoute, the Anglo-French project to provide a rail-road channel link, claimed a significant lead over rival schemes yesterday with the announce-ment of the formation of a joint French company to promote the concept. Alsthom-Atlantique. the state-owned shipbuilding company, the Grands Travaux de Marseille, one of France's largest private sector construction groups, have joined forces to develop the scheme.

In Britain, EuroRoute has been promoted for the last two years by a consortium comprising British Shipbuilders, the British Steel Corporation, Tra-falgar House, Fairclough Construction. John Howard and Raymond International (USA) with Lazard Brothers as financial advisers.

Bulmers, the cider maker, reported half-time profits up 27 per cent from £7.23m to £9.17m. But shares fell 23p to 248p when Mr Esmond Bulmer. chairman, said growth in the second half was unlikely to match the first half. British Telecom said the

Government will relieve it of a £1.25 billion pension deficit, daring back to 1969, when the corporation is privatized next year. The Government's proposal, tabled in a legislative amendment, means the pension liability will remain with a residual nationalized portion of the telecommunications indus-

• Westland increased its profits from £23.9m to £26.1m last year on a turnover up from £284m to £326m. The dividend has been increased from 7.5p to

Investors' Notebook, page 17. decisions Mr James Lee, chair-man told securities analysts light, setting the scene for a prolonged bid battle. Hepworth

#### Banks' delay rules out Brazil loan this year

ber 31 - a date seen as essential

banks to commit themselves and, with more than 200 small banks still withholding promises, the 10 days of documentation processing could not be finished in time.

could start an international

meet outstanding interest payments on old loans within 90 days.

Brazil may direct payments towards the US at their expense

Brazil can be made by Decem-

only a month ago.

Today is the deadline for

Failure to meet the deadline

argument.
The US banks fear that, if the loan is not made by December 31, Brazil will not be able to

Banks elsewhere fear that

There is now no hope that the the rescue package, less than \$6.5 billion new money loan for \$300m short of its target, to continue into the New Year.

But the most important British banker involved in the Brazilian negotiations said yesterday that he believed that an important dispute would be avoided.

My Guy Huntrods, head of Lloyds Bank International's Latin American division, and deputy chairman of the 14-bank advisory committee on Brazil returned to London yesterday from a Middle East loan-raising tour with Brazil's planning minister, Senhor Antonio Del-

He said: "I do not consider it by any means inconceivable that Brazil will be able to reduce arrears, right across the board. towards the US at their capetals and are refusing to bail out the to comply with maturity — and are refusing to bail out the to comply with maturity — Americans with help on a within the critical 90-day period."

Britoil is believed to be only days away from cancelling its order for a £86m oil rig, which is only a quarter finished, at the yard. The rig is already two years behind schedule. Britoil says the only option it

would consider are renegotia tion of the contract, or cancellation with the order beiong reassigned to a Japanese or South Korean yard.

However, Mr Day has al-ready ruled out renegotiation, claiming that British Shipbuilders cannot afford any further penalty payments above the £6.5m it already owes The scheme, believed to be

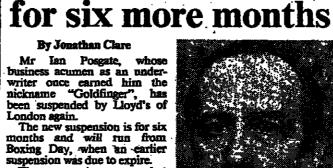
under consideration by the Scottish Office, would require Britoil to activate a bankruptcy protection clause in the existing contracts. It would allow Britoil to complete the rig with its own workforce at the Scott Lithgow site. Although the scheme would reduce the number of

successful completion would leave the yard ripe for privatiza-The scheme has also men with hostility from the unions and the local Labour MP, Dr Norman Godman.

workers at the yard from 4,200

to 800, it is believed that a

He said: "It is unacceptable for the yard to close or for its workforce to be run down. Cancellation by Britoil would mean closure for the yard, larly although draught sales



is expected to decide whether disciplinary charges should be brought against Mr Poseate and of his livelihood four former directors of How-den early in the New Year. Mr Posgate did not give avoid legal problems. vidence personally at yester-

from his solicitors were conadvised that the rules of "qualified privilege" make suc-A Lloyd's spokesman said: "We know we are depriving him of his livelihood, so this cessful legal action unlikely. decision was not taken lightly." Mr Posgate is said to have carned £700,000 a year before

his suspension. But the spokesman heard by the disciplinary committee which can either unable to confirm that copies of the report into the Howden affair, said to run to 500 pages. had been passed to the Depart ment of Trade and Industry. No decision has yet been

## taken on whether the report will chaired by Lord Wilberforce.

The company is taking the beer sales, canned beers particu-

Half-year to 31.10.83 Pretax profit £31.6m (£22.5m) Stated earnings 7.7p (4.8p) Turnover £348m (£319.4m) Net interim dividend 1.73p (1.5p) Share price 99p Yield 6.9

were static, while the tied publid houses also made pro-Thistle Hotels, with a 90 per cent jump in profitability, made the most impressive showing. Among the wine and spirits

division progress was much slower, particularly scotch whisky sales. WALL STREET

New York, yesterday Dow Jones stocks were retreating over a widening area after the failure of an early rally effort.

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## Commission go-ahead could lead to long battle Early decision expected on Steetley bid

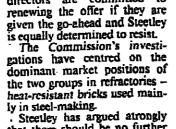
The Monopolics and Mergers directors are committed to Commission is putting the finishing touches to its report on Hepworth Ceramic's £115m bid for Steetley, the Nottinghamshire building materials and plant engineering group, two months ahead of schedule.

The Commission was granted

a three-month extension in October taking the deadline for completion to mid-February. The report is now expected to be finished by Christmas and Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry,

could decide early in the New

Year whether to allow the bid to The balance of opinion in the economics of acquiring Su- City is that the Commission perior Oil but has not made any will give Hepworth the green

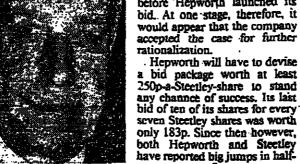


that there should be no further concentration of ownership in the industry. Since the early 1970s, about 60 per cent of the industry's capacity has been closed or mothballed in the face of declining demand from Brish steel producers. The industry now relies heavily on exports. Mr Peter Goodall, chairman

Hepworth, argues that



Peter Goodall: Cash needed the future. Greater concentration will produce this.



and development to be viable in stockbroking firm, is forecasting that Steetley will make £20m in pretax profits for the year, rising Steetley's case may have been to £28m in 1984, against £9.4m severely damaged by the so-farlast time. Hepworth is expected refractories need to devote undisclosed revelation that it to make £32m against £24.6m substantial money to research was in talks with Hepworth and in 1982.

British Steel Corporation about merging refractory interests before Hepworth launched its bid. At one stage, therefore, it would appear that the company accepted the case for further rationalization. Hepworth will have to devise a bid package worth at least 250p-a-Steetley-share to stand

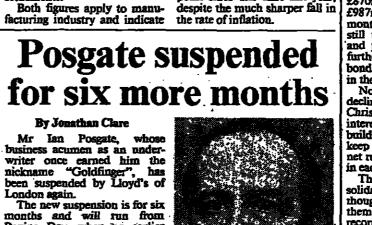
bid of ten of its shares for every seven Steetley shares was worth only 183p. Since then however, both Hepworth and Steetley have reported big jumps in halfyear pretax profits. Scrimgeour, Kemp-Gee, the

#### Dow slips after rally fails

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down more than 3 points to below 1,253. The fransportation Average was down more than 4 points to about 600. Trading activity was moderate.

General Motors down 1/2 at 731/2, International Business Machines up 1/4 to 122 Westinghouse down 🔥 at 54 🔨 and Union Carbide up A at

Bristol-Myers was 41 /2 down 4. Union Camp 82 down 1/2. Sanders Associates 50 down 1/4, Southern Pacific 39/4 down 1/4, Santa Fe Industries 301/4 down 1. Honeywell 134% down 1/2.



be sent to "names" (members) affected by the affair. Lloyd's is keen to restrict its circulation to Mr Posgate has already said he considers the report defamaday's sub-committee meeting, but written representations tory to himself but has been

> The report is understood to concentrate on alleged violations of exchange controls and Inland Revenue legislation. If any of the five who figure in the report are charged by Lloyd's, their cases will be

drop the case or take punitive measures which include expul-sion. Apppeals against punish-ments can be made to a tribunal

## Profits soar at S & N

By Wayne Lintott

Scottish & Newcastle Breweries once again bucked the downward trend of the brewery sector reporting bumper interim profits with an optimistic forecast that the full year results should show further progress.

opportunity of falling interest rates - borrowings and fiscal expenses were cut £2.3m - to maintain capital expenditure on expanding canned beer sales and its expansion into hotels. The mild weather has helped

up 0.40

Dollar Index 130.8 unchanged DM 2.7650 down 0.0042

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BRITISH FUNDS

Shares of Tate & Lyle ended the day on a bitter note yesterday tumbling 7p to 373p as a large chunk of shares changed hands and sent a

shudder of apprehension through Mr Cube's boardroom. Broker Hoare Govett arranged a put through of 2.75 million shares, around 4 per cent of the equity, at the 370p level. Word is the shares, worth £10.1m, were part of a stake built up by Lord Hanson's,

Hanson Trust, which is present-

ly sitting on more than £400m in cash. The shares may have been sold to one buyer.

Mr James Forbes, finance director at Tate & Lyle, said he was aware of the transaction and understood the seller to be one of the group's nominee shareholders. Asked if he knew the mystery buyer Mr Forbes replied. "It takes a few days to find these things out. We will be

looking at the share register". Hanson has never admitted to owning any shares in T & L. The declarable level is 5 per cent. Mr Matin Taylor, a director at Hanson, said; We never comment on this sort of

1982/83 Righ Low Company

## MARKET REPORT • by Michael Clark Bitter pill for Mr Cube

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Dec 12. Dealings end, Dec 29. Contango Day, Dec 30. Settlement Day, Jan 9.

After the successful acquisition of UDS Group for £260m
Shares of Hanson continued to
Bid speculation continued to

Mr Richard Troughton, chair-man of Castle (GB), told shareholders at yesterday's annual meeting that orders from the recent Interbuild exhibition had exceeded £4m. Analysis have passed their slide rules over the group and reckon it could result in pretax profits of £1.7m in the present year against £1.2m last year helped by a first time contribution from the bathroom side. On an actual tax charge it puts the shares on a P/E of 111/2. Placed at 80p. unchanged on last night's close, the shares are looking cheap.

bought a 9.4 per cent stake in acquisition shortly. the scene.

act as the only spur for interest in the rest of the equity market in the run up to Christmas. The FT Index having been 1.5 lower earlier in the day closed with a net gain of 0.5 at 751.1.

On the foriegn exchange the pound continued to plumb new depths on increased fears of imminent cut in the North Sea oil price – a suggestion vehemently denied by BNOC. But in Rotterdam the spot oil price continued to fail below the official price level. The pound ended the day 25 points down ended the day 25 points down at a second low against the dollar of \$1.4170.

Gilts joined in the shakeout with falls of up to 50p at the longer end in nervous trade, but managed to close below their London Brick and is thought to worst levels of the day as a few be poised to make another bargains hunters appeared on

Among blue chips BOC Group, the industrial gases group, made star billing with a leap of 13p to a new high of 277p helped by renewed de-

Broker Grieveson Grant has recently paid a visit to Marks & Spencer which has confirmed its earlier expectation that the group is set fair for a bumper Christmas leadingpretax profits of £275m in the present year. Bull Grieveson is now confident a stock market flotation for that M & S can maintain its 15 per cent growth rate and may even he worth £325m in direct stake in the international

mand for the shares from New York. A group of City analysts recently returned from a trip to the group's troubled US operation and reported signs of a

Pentos Perry H. Mirs

Metal Box was another

strong performer racing 16p to a new high of 308p in a thin market following several buy recommendations produced recommendations produced this week. Broker de Zoete & Bevan is looking for full year pretax profits of £70m in the present year against £52m last time and nearer £76m next year. de Zoote is impressed with MB's attempts at reducing costs

and better profits mix. Broker Henderson Crosthwaite takes a similar view and says the group is new benefitting from a two year haul of lower costs and reducing its exposure in the less profitable

The decision to proceed with 1984/85. The shares eased Ip to newsagency. Fleet Holdings, owner of the Daily Express, rose 4p to 125, International Thomson 10p to 700p and Liverpool Daily Post 1p to 185p.

Highgate & Job continued to benefit from the increase stake taken by Peachfield spurting 10p to 110p.

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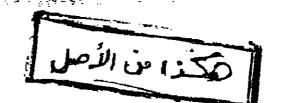
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T Cowie Year to 30.9.83 Pretax profit £1,1m (£1m) Stated earnings 7.87p (5.34p) Turnover £194,7m (£93,3m)

Net dividend 2p (same) Stainless Metalcraft Year to 31.8.83 Pretax profit £901,000 (£695,000) Stated earnings 16.4p (6.98p) Turnover £3.7m (£3m) Net linal dividend 2.2p

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Thermal Scientific Half-year to 30.9.83 Pretax profit £204,000 (£159,000) Stated earnings 2.96p (2.34p) Turnover £2.2m (£1.8m) Net interim dividend None (same)

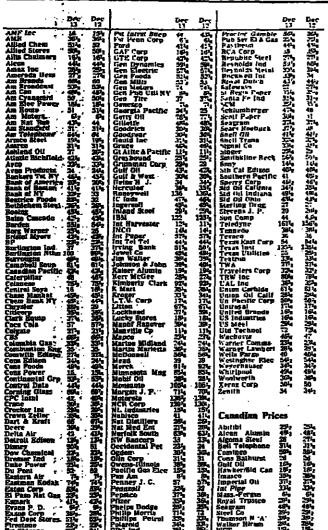
Thorpse Group Pretax profit £33,000 (£58,000) Stated earnings 1.4p Turnover £1.5m (£1.4m) Net interim dividend 1p (same)

Moorgate Investment Trust Half-year to 30.11.83
Attributable profit (£198,000) was even better with a rise of 28 Stated earnings 4.78p (4.26p) Net interim dividend 3.25p (2.75p)

Spencer Lark Metal Industries Year to 30,983
Pretax loss £161,000 (£875,000)
Stated loss per share 3,22p (17,53p) rnover £9.3m (£8.5m) Net dividend None (same)

RHP Group Year to 30.9.83 Pretax profit £660.000 (£3.9m) Stated earnings 1.8p (5.7p) Turnover £102.4m (£109.5n Net final dividend 0.75p (1.25p)





#### INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK

# Northern serves up successful recipe

Mr Nicholas Horsley, chair-man of Northern Foods, is right to feel more than usually pleased with the yearly profits of his pork pies to dairy products and biscuits group. In the 12 months to the end of September, they rose 21 per cent at the pretax level from £41,2m to £50,1m. In the second half, the performance

per cent. Given the problems faced by the group's Bluebird ment products offshoot in the United States, and the uncertainties overhanging the dairy business in Britain, this is a particularly

creditable performance. The outstanding feature of the results was the profits of Pork Farms, the pies and sausages subsidiary. These rose by about 60 per cent. Pork Farms now claims to

sell more pork pies than any other company in Britain, despite the fact that its product is up market than most of the competition.

its extremely rapid growth is being helped by buoyant Marks and Spencer food sales. M&S, which include dairy and bakery products, is rising at an even laster rate. With the retailing chain now

accounting for a substantial proportion of the group's British sales and a much larger proportion of profits, it comes as no surprise to learn that most capital spending this year is being devoted to extending the production facilities for Marks and Spencer.

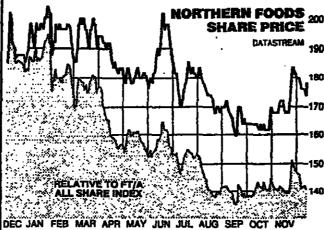
The group is having a good Christmas and is confident of the longer term future. Key-stone in the US, which made a full 12-month contribution for the first time to last year's flying again with modifications figures, should continue to after an accident involving one

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grow, while the group appears to have put the problems of Bluebird behind it, though not without substantial cost.

About £9.4m has been charged below the line for Bluebird rationalization, this has involved closing the smoked meat plants in Chicago and Philadelphia, which means the company will be less exposed to the sometimes violent fluctuations in the US meat trading markets.

Finally the group is probably justified in feeling better adapted than most of its competitors, to the substantial changes that are about to sweep the milk trade in Britain as its organization is brought into line win EEC methods At 178p, up 4p yesterday, the shares yield 5,2 per cent and

look cheap against the sector.

#### Westland

GAS OIL

Westland's only type of civil helicopter, the W30, should be of the four machines sold into

the lucrative US market. Lord Aldington, the chairman, said yesterday that no orders for the W30 had been lost because of the grounding of the aircraft but there had been no orders since.

The Indian Government has expressed an interest in buying 27 W30s, an order worth about £50m. Westland still hopes to win the order. A previous order from the Indian Navy for the Sea King, said to be worth up to £200m, was largely responsible for a big increase in the value of the order book at the end of last

It increased from £385m to £513m and includes some big British Government orders. after the Falklands conflict.

Helicopter sales last year rose and margins were also improved, which helped to increase Westland's profits from. £23.9m to £26.1m, less than the market had expected.

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Research costs increased by £6m to almost £19m largely on

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Further provisions have been made for this year, but they do company said that the worst of not relate to the US accident the market contraction, caused which is covered by insurance.

Borrowings at the year end were £4.5m, a reduction of £18m: £7.5m of the reduction came from July's debenture year. issue, with the balance from the position cash flow during the

Borrowings are virtually nonexistent. Westland no longer spits down the results between its helicopter and hovercraft divisions: the hovereraft side was profitable on spares sales, but the development of the new low-technology AP 188 hoverc-rat, for which there are high hopes, incurred expensive de-

velopment costs. Sales of helicopters this year are unlikely to show much improvement, but margins should be much stronger after ome heavy capital expenditure.

This and the good order book, underpins the increase in the total dividend from 7.5p to 8.25p. The yield, with the shares down 5p at 140p, is 8.4 per cent.

#### Redfearn **National Glass**

The latest losses from the glass container manufacturer Redfearn National Glass were no surprise but were bad enough to knock the share price down 10p to a yearly low of 73p. The reduction in retained profit totalled £9.1m against £152.000 the year before on a turnover down from £66m to

£63.4m. The gamble is whether rationalization has gone deep enough. Redfearn is closing its

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further development of the York plant and concentrating production at Barnsley. Of the 1.650 jobs. 650 go. The

by foreign imports and plastic packaging, has taken place and the costs of rationalization have been absorbed in the past fiscal

But it has no idea whether the growth in its plastic packaging will ever be large enough to compensate for the

glass downturn. Financially. Redfearn must be precariously close to depen-dence on bank support. offer only a glimmer of hope. An 8 per cent price increase has been held - the last one was not

- and what are termed premium products are still being placed in bottles under a litre in size. Redfearns principal customers, like Allied Breweries and Beecham – which holds the North East Coca Cola franchise are remaining loyal. for obvious competetive reason.

enabling the group to maintain its 17 per cent market share. Mr John Pratt, chirman, is sure the full extent of reationlization is complete and that the lean and efficient remainder is strong enough to be competi-

tive.
That, regrettably, does no tmean an early return to profitability or for that matter dividend payments, apart from the obligatory 0.1p final. Mr Pratt refused even to contemplate any kind of projection for

the present year. What does provide some prop for the shares is the potential of a takeover bid. Given that the deadwood has been cut away, the remaining assets and trading could begin

to lood like a cheap buy.

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New chief at bankers

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**APPOINTMENTS** 

British Bankers' Association: Mr R J Dent, a managing director of Baring Brothers & Co., becomes chairman of the executive committee from January 1. He succeeds Mr D G Barber, a general manager with the Midland Bank, Mr M H R Thompson, assistant chief gen-eral manager. Lloyds Bank, takes over from Mr Dent as

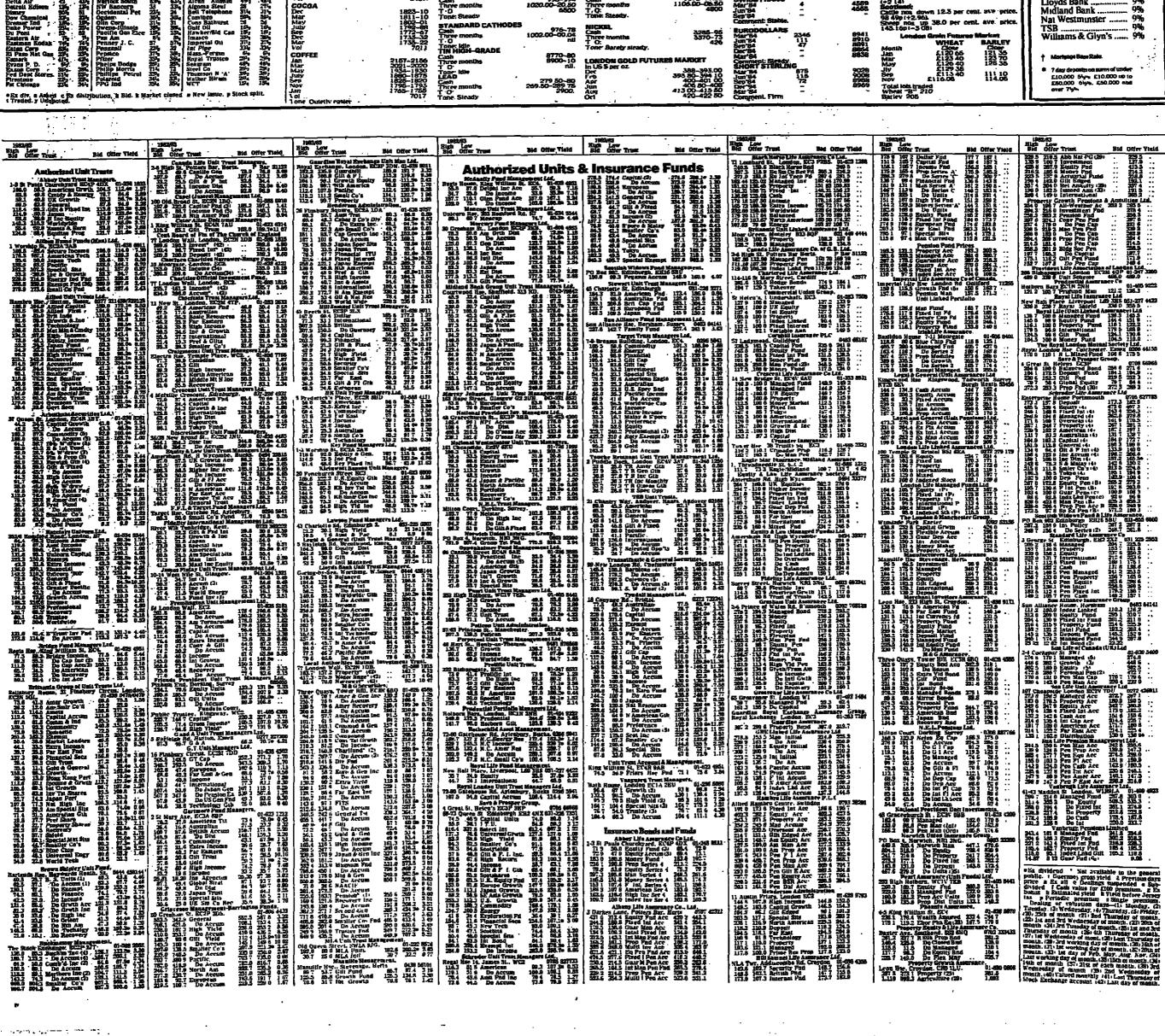
deputy chairman of the committee. W. H. Smith Do It All: Mr R N Thomas has been appointed managing director.

The Union Discount Company of London: Mr Simon J St F Dare becomes secretary and accountant, from January 1. Mr Patrick Shepherd, present company secretary, retires on December 31. Mr Dare will succeed Mr Shepherd as honor-ary secretary of the London Discount Market Association. Vanbrugh Life: Mr Michael Nevill, Mr Ken Mills and Mr Peter Higgins have been made assistant general managers. Mr Nevill heads the sales division. Mr Mills the sales support division and Mr Higgins the administration division. Standard Chartered Asia

formerly known as Chartered Credit (Hong Kong): Mr W C L Brown, the group's area general manager in Hongkong, has been appointed chairman and Mr J R Valdinger, managing director.

The National Mutual Life Association of Australusia: Mr Ralph Stercks, who retires as general manager of the association for the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland on December 31, will be succeeded by Dr John Leaper, deputy general manager.

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The run-in to the Government's next great privatization issue, the flotation of Enterprise Oil, is now firmly under way. The appointment a few days ago of Mr Graham Hearne as chief executive of the fledgling company is the most crucial step so far on the way to what promises to be one of the most intriguing - and delicate - selloffs that the Government has vet undertaken. The next step will be announced shortly when the Government says which two stockbroking firms it has appointed to join Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank as its advisers.

A "beauty contest" to pick weeks ago, and the fact that the Government has felt the need to take the unusual step of appointing broking advisers six months before the issue is scheduled to take place reflects its awareness that the ground for this flotation needs to be carefully prepared.

This is because Enterprise Oil is an unusual beast. The company was set up this year to hold the proven North Sea oil assets of British Gas, including the corporation's stake in five proven commercial fields and a clutch of exploration licences issued under previous adminis-

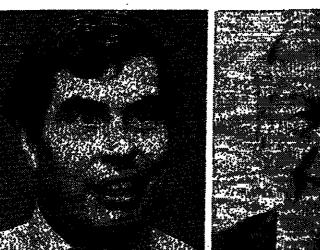
The Government's decision to force British Gas to dispose of its oil assets has been resisted fiercely by the corporation's board and its chairman Sir Dennis Rooke since the leglislation was first announced in July 1981 by Mr Nigel Lawson, then

By a nice irony, the task of completing the privatization process has fallen to Mr Lawson's successor as Energy Secretary, Mr Peter Walker, a man who does not always agree with Mr Lawson on the subject

of privatization.
It was Mr Walker who took the final decision three months ago to float the assets on the stock market as a single company rather than sell them piecemeal to other oil

Part of the reasoning behind the decision was a desire to create another middle-ranking British oil company, which, with luck, will be able to develop to fill the gap between the oil companies such as BP and Shell and the pool of smaller independent exploration companies such as Charterhouse Petroleum, Clyde

# **Enterprise Oil flotation must** resolve problem of pricing







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Graham Hearne (left), Peter Walker and William Bell: Crucial question is how Enterprise develops after flotation

also followed with the flotation of Britoil last year, an unhappy experience that has not ma any easier the task of presenting the City with another stateowned oil company.

Memories of the disastrous

underwriting flop with Britoil has left many institutions distinctly wary. Enterprise is in many ways a more attractive animal than Britoil, but the unusual nature of its origins have posed their own difficult-

The company is rich in assets and cash flow, but as a newly-created - effectively "off the shelf" - company, it had no ago and has no trading record as an independent company.

This marks it out from previous privatization issues, including Britoil. For example, Mr Walker and Kleinwort Benson will have to ask for a dispensation from the Stock Exchange to allow the company to seek a full market listing without having met the normal financial information.

The only set of figures Enterprise is likely to produce before flotation is a pro forma trading statement covering the eight months from May to the end of this month.

quick to find the kernel of a management team. For the last three months the company has been run from borrowed offices in Fenchurch Street under two seconded directors, Mr Peter Elwes, a director of Kleinwort,

and Mr Julian West, a young, but highly able assistant secretary, from the Department of Energy.
This was always intended as an interim move, and Mr Walker has now announced the

Bell, a director of Shell, as non-executive chairman, and Mr

Hearne as full-time chief execu-One of the first tasks facing Mr Hearne, who will take over on March I at a salary more than £80,000 a year, will be to build a team of 35 to 40 people,

including about 20 exploraition specialsits such as geologists Financially, the final shape of likely profitability.

The Government has been the company will depend on the way in which the Government agrees to establish its capital

> The company is generating positive cash flow at a considerable rate, but is not vet clear whether the Treasury will endeavour to claw back the estimated £80m surplus the company is expected to have

ning of May.

Next year the surplus expected to rise to £100m at least, and continue rsing before peaking at more than £200m in 1986, reflecting the build-up of production from its five main

The figures illustrate that Enterprise Oil is going to be financially healthy, but since they exclude taxation, interest and any capital spending the new company makes, they are only the roughest of guides of its

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Source: de Zoete and Bevan.

Enterprise on tax grounds. The company will also be bidding strongly for licences in the North Sea round, expected next year, and will be keen to aquire operator status, as opposed to its present role as a minority partner in the North

It will also be looking overseas. Apart from the Arbroath discovery Enterprise's batch of inherited North Sea licences is also thought to contain a potentially commercial discovery near the Forties field. Tax reasons again make it attractive for the company to develop a new North Sea field as quickly as possible.

All of which adds up to a hatful of potential. Unlike Britoil, which was overloaded with assets and drilling commitments, and burdened with a debt-heavy balance sheet, Enterprise looks like starting life with considerable freedom of manouevre and a virtually clean balance sheet. This is bound to be attractive to the market.

On the other hand, with no track record to look at and the promise of a series of deals coming to fruition immediately after the flotation, investors who buy the Government's shares will inevitably be taking a plunge into the dark.

Walker knows that if the Brokers in the City have, fully as a flourishing new British meanwhile, been hammering home the point that the success oil company, the management must demonstrate the ability to of the flotation - and the company - will hinge even build on - rather than squander - the valuable cash flow with more than usual on what faith the institutions place on the For tax reasons, as well, it is imperative for Enterprise to ability of the management to strike the right deals at the right expand its exploration interests as rapidly as possible. From

Initial reaction to the first management appointments has been mixed. Mr Hearne, a Rothschild's man who moved on to be finance director of Courtaulds from 1977 to 1981. has a reputation as tough negotiator and deal-maker.

Mr Hearne said this week He admits that his technical that he will be looking urgently knowledge of the industry is at the options for tax efficient limited, and oil analysts and expansion, including aquisi-tions and "farm-ins" to other fund managers are divided companies exploration acreage. achieved in his two years at There is no shortage of aquisi-Tricentrol, before his sudden tion candidates, particularly among the smaller British resignation this year. exploration companies, many of

It is a tight schedule. The main problem for Mr Walker and his advisers at Kleinwort Benson, looks like being pricing the issue correctly.

Today's provisional estimcompany employers – are certain to figure on the list of ates that the flotation will raise possible candidates, although neither is the perfect match for £400m may well prove to be out by some margin.

## Financial notebook

## New horizons for discount houses

rumour and speculation over about the future of the 16 mergers and takeovers in the discount houses returns events financial industry ever since the ally to the Bank of England Government struck its deal which uses its bill market Government struct its dealings with the houses to exempt it from the require-

But one corner of the square mile virtually ignored in the present feverish mood is the discount market

This is rather odd because behind the arcane image of the discount houses lies a wealth of talent and expertise in managing liquidity and dealing in short-term securities and finan-

The popular action that the houses are more akin to stuffy gentlemen's clubs which the Bank of England finds convenient to preserve may still contain a grain of troth in some cases. But the best of them employ some of the sharpest brains in the City and have grown through innovation and skill in taking positions in the markets in which they operate.

Traditionally, the discount ouses have been the marketmakers in Treasury bilis and sterling bank bills - a market which is now worth about £12 billion. Several of them also make a market in certificates of deposit and they are dual-capacity operators in numero other securities. Recently the three biggest houses have begun to deal in the increasingly popular floating-rate note market.

Given their expertise in short-term financial instruments and skills as marketmakers, it is not hard to see how a discount house might fit into a broader financial group seeking to offer a full range of services in the securities

indeed market-making skills are certain to be at a premium if, as many believe inevitable, the introduction of negotiated commissions on the Stock Exchange leads to dual-capacity trading. It would be easy to imagine, for instance, discount houses becoming marketmakers in the short end of the gilts market if regulations

ments of the Office of Fair the banking system as a whole.

Trading.

But one corner of the square resort facilities to the houses. the Bank enjoys a unique hold over this sector of the financial industry. Without it a discount

> It is no secret that the Bank would like to see more mergers among smaller discount houses to help balance the strength of the two biggest, Gerrard & National and Union Discount, which together account for about three-fifths of the market. But it is also no secret that the Bank has no wish to see the amount of capital employed in the market greatly increased.

house would not be able to

The Bank's attitude has meant that rights issues for discount houses have in effect been ruled out, save in exceptional circumstances, and it has always been assumed that the Bank would never countenance

The houses, meanwhile, although some have attempted to diversify on a small scale remain relatively small. They lack resources for significant acquisitions and because of the relatively low ratings and high yields accorded to their shares. it is expensive to try to buy into new areas through acquis

Whether the Bank might discount house in the future remains to be seen.

RIT & Northern aunounced it was merging with Charterhouse Group, which owned the ac-cepting house Charterhouse Japhet, the Bank of England was certainly interested. But in the Bank's eyes the merger, which involved shareholders in both groups receiving shares in a new company, did not constitute change of control of the merchant bank.

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2.30 BURNLEY CHASE (Handicap: £2,708; 3m 4f) (11)

3.0 WIDNES HURDLE (Selling: £879: 2m 6f) (13)

2.0 BEECHES FARM HURDLE (Handicap: conditional jockeys: £1,155:

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1.30 BIRKDALE CHASE (Novices: £2,129: 3m) (9)

Going: good to soft Tate Double: 2.0, 3.0. Treble: 1.30, 2.30, 3.30.

## Commercial property Mixed prospects

For those considering overseas sents a very different picture, investment in 1984, two reports Knight Frank Kan and Baillieu one on the US, the other on began business in January this Hongkong – provide a vivid contrast of the prospects. The Hongkong property scene remains depressed by uncertainty he is optimistic about the about the colony's future, but future. the US market could serve

Estate Research Corporation. teports that although a high volume of fund flowing into real estate from new sources will force prices up and yields three to six years' time. But investments should be picked

invesiors well.

RERC forecasts a strong flow of equity funds from syndicators who are active in all land uses, from savings and loans; and from public and private pension funds. In addition, mortgage funds are readily available from insurance companies and banks are keen to continue to make construction loans at a time when corporate

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borrowing is low.

Much of the investment will be directed towards sales of existing property rather than new construction.

Recent overhuilding in most large office markets means that new office construction will be low in 1984. At present the strongest big-city office locations are San Francisco. New York, Boston and Los Angeles. But offices remain popular among investors, and RERC say that shopping centres have regained their former

preferential position. About five years ago, when retailing was recognized as being overbuilt, investors moved from shopping centres to office blocks. Now it sees the balance restored, and only 300 new shopping centres are being built each year compared with ₹.000 a year in the 1970s.

As if to confirm the optimis-ne forecast, work started this month in San Francisco on a 143m development by Taysan tincoln Associates, a joint senture between Taylor Woodnw of San Francisco and the Lincoln Property Company.

The development will include 402 residential units,

project will be completed by

autumn 1985.

Hongkone with the executed market.

year 1997, looging large pre Christopher Warman

new venture, but Mr F. Y. Kan. rated the leading two-year-old of senior partner, has bravely said 1983, with 9st 7ib, under the

He said the negotiations with eking on the sovereignty issue and an oversupply of finished handicapper, came down beavily handicapper, came down beavily ivestors well.

Leanne Lachman, president and an oversupply of finished the Chicago-based Real property had become apparent in favour of the Dewhurst Stakes early in 1983, and the adverse effects were now even more merit of the juveniles, and placed marked. Since Mrs Thatcher's visit to China, the price of large domestic units and offices had place. Ilb behind El Gran Senor. down, investors will continue to dropped by 20 to 30 per cent; Guy Harwood's Lear Fan, who favour real estate in antici- only smaller domestic units pation of future appreciation in were maintaining their price

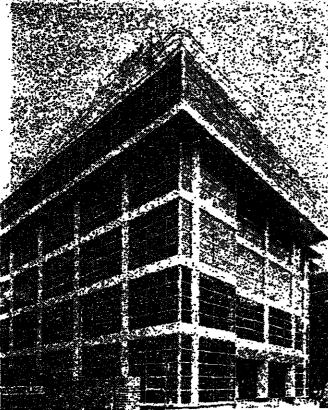
> would soon be overcome now Jeremy Tree, the Beckhampthat it seemed progress was being made in the talks, and Particularly bearing in mind member Khaled Abdullah, had the underlying strength of the member Khaled Abdullah, had Hongkong economy and the been rated the top English-industrious nature of the Hong-trained two-year-old, joked kong people". He expects the property

> market to stay much the same in 1984, with cautious invest-ment little of it involving large trials, but intimated that the 2000 sums. Depending on political Guiness was very much on developments, the next upturn Rainbow Quest's agenda. The could come in 1987.

"By then", he said, "the world economy should have substantially recovered. Hongkong's industrialists are usually able to reap more advantage in a boom than those of other developing countries. Thus the benefits to Hongkong may be enormous - and an economic boom always leads to a property

Prudential Assurance's ambitious £9m development of 22 Hanover Square in Mayfair has just been completed. The refurbishment, designed to create an ultra-modern office building, is suitable as prestige headquarters for any big organization, and has 90,000 sq ft of air-conditioned office and banking hall or showroom space Letting agents Jones Lang Wootton are offering the space as a whole, for an annual rent of about £1.75m, or in floors, from 8.100 sq ft. at an annual rent of about £23 a sq ft.

The first phase of the Capital Interchange industrial and offlude 402 residential units, fice development on the site of 10,000 sq ft of retail space and a the former Brentford market has been sold for £3m to a rental residential project to be private investor. The sale started in San Francisco for 15 indicates a yield of nearly 6 per cent, which is believed to be a The first units will be ready at record, and reflects both the the end of 1984 and the entire quality of the units and their location, and also the strength of the tax allowance investment



Bishops Court, a new 55,000 sq ft office building in Artiller Lane, beside Liverpool Street Station, has been let to Gibbs Lane, peside Liverpool Street Station, has been let to Gibbs Insurance Holdings, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. Jones Lang Wootton and Sinclair Goldsmith advised, Central and City and the tenants were represented by Gooth and Wagstaff, and Herring Son and Daw. The asking rent was £675,000 a year. The building, designed with low energy costs in mind, that a glazed "wall climber" lift and a fully-enclosed central atrium with a pool and indoor garden.

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RACING: IRISH COLT HEADS THE FREE HANDICAP

## Handicapper takes his hat off to unbeaten El Gran Senor

Vincent O'Brien's unbeaten colt. El Gran Senor, has been international classification and Free Handicap, announced by

form in evaluating the respective won a host of admirers with two flamboyant successes on New-market's July course, before Mr Yan was nevertheless landing the Champagne Stakes at hopeful that present difficulties Doncaster was allocated 9st 3lb. would soon be overcome now Jeremy Tree, the Beckhamp-

"That means we will not be well handicapped next season!" Tree said that it was early days Tote's prices for the first of the colts classics are 6-1 Lear Fan, 8-1 El Gran Senor and 14-1 RainbowQuest.

Chris Kinane, assistant to Guy Harwood, said "We are quite happy not to be top of the handicap with Lear Fan. The only one of ours I think is slightly harshly treated is Raft (8st 10lb). who is set to give weight to Alphabatim (8st 9lb), a Group one winner."
The Middle Park Stakes

winner, Creag-An-Sgor, was given 9st, but his young Lambourn trainer. Charlie Nelson, must be disappointed with the handicapper's assess-ment of 8st 8lb for his impressive Rockfel Stakes scorer. Mahogany, who is rated 3lb behind the top filly. Michael Stoute's Shoot Clear, and 2lb behind Lord Porchester's Satinwas considerable

controversy over the three-yearold classification in which the Northern Dancer colt, Sharcef Dancer, who ran only three times last season before retiring to stud, was given a rating of 93 (against a norm of 100), placing him 2lb above the flying sprinter, Habibti, who is most people's favourite to win the "Racehorse of the Year" award. Defending the allocation, Mr Gibbs said that it had been very difficult to link Habibti, as a sprinter, to the best three and four-year-olds. In the Irish some

El Gran Senor (left) mastering Rainbow Quest inDewhurst Stakes (Photograph: Chris Cole) Shareef Dancer had You cannot take away from a horse what he has achieved. even if it was in one race", he

campaign in France. Canada and the United States, the Arc

Saciler's Wells

After her brilliant autumn

French Derby winner and the English Derby winner, Teenoso.

"You cannot take assess for the language of the la who, surprisingly, was placed ahead of Time Charter, who had beaten him in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot and also finished in front of him in

the Arc. Lord Porchester, chairman of heroinc, All Along, was an the flat race pattern committee, automatic choice to head the announced that next year the the flat race pattern committee, senior international classifi- Levy Board will contribute

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ian Express	9.1	Teenoso	58	Lancastrian	

£996.500 to pattern races - a reduction of £200,000 on this year's figure. However, the cut will be largely offset by a big increase in sponsorship, which will take the total added money to an estimated £3.14m. only

£3,500 less than in 1983. Several major changes in the 1984 flat pattern were announced, following a meeting of the European pattern committee in Cologne last week. They are: the William Hill Sprint championship, held at York in August, upgraded from group two to group one, the Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket and Royal Ascot's Queen Anne Stakes from group three

to group two.

The two big juvenile races at Royal Ascot, the Coventry and Queen Mary Stakes, have been downgraded from group two to group three, as well as Newbury's John Porter Stakes, and Ascot's White Rose Stakes has se been removed from the pattern.

# 3.30 GOLBORNE HURDLE (3-y-o: £1,253: 2m) (20) 1 413 ALL THE QUEENS MEN (0) (A Tracedorous M Lembert 2 01004 LOR MOSS (0) (A Leighton) A Leighton 11-0 3 63104 NORTH KEY (0) (J Wotsterholm) M Naughton 11-0 4 1 RHYTHIME PASTIMES (0) (P Byrne) J Jenich 11-0 7 4 COMEDY FAIR (Mrs M Nowell) M H Estiarby 10-7 9 HALEWOOD VERTNER (J Halewood) D McBlain 10-7 10 MAYERT FORTUNE (Mrs M O'Neil) M Collingridge 10-7 11 0 L PONTEVECCHIO (Mrs J Murray Smith) D Smith 10-7 12 1 MASTER SACA KEY (Mrs M Mitchell) J Kingl 10-7 13 MASTER SACA KEY (Mrs M Mitchell) J Kingl 10-7 14 MESTER (A Bingley) J Old 10-7 15 MEST TOM (J Hodgidinen) A Belley 10-7 16 MEST TOM (J Hodgidinen) A Belley 10-7 20 MERRY TOM (J Hodgidinen) A Belley 10-7 21 PRINCE LINK (Mrs G Woodhouse) R Woodhouse 10-7 22 SASS SCLARES (J Berryl J Berry 10-7 23 ASSIMBARKO (J Bengley) J Old 10-7 ARRIGORT (I Hodgidise) Mrs J Hodgidiss 10-2 34 ANDORT (I Hodgidise) Mrs J Hodgidiss 10-2 35 A AVENTA LADY (A Doors) Mrs A Finch 10-2 11-4 Cornedy Fair, 3 Rhythmic Pastiness, 4 Listin Fort, 6 Shumard, 8 A Haydock selections 10 Copperal Charges 1:30 Reat Mills, 2.0 Golden Knoth 2.30 Ashley House. 3.0 Petrocetti! 7:30 Rhythogic Pastimes

.....N Madden (11-1)

## Bregawn's fall lets in Prince Rowan

By Michael Phillips, Racing Corresp Yesterday was certainly a day of Bradley, who rode Bregawii. and mixed fortunes for Michael Dickin. Dermot Browne, was on the son a rare experience for a man eventual winner, both said that they restroncy was a recommendated by the second circuit.

Yesterday was a rate experience for a man accustomed to doing inthe wrong thought that Bregawn would have the Tonny Whitle Steepherhase at Rowan had led from the beginning that with the least fancied of the Bregawn was never very fair being sid actually immged toto the his trong disch at the far out the last open disch at the Gold Cup, and the 2-1 on favourite, Rounding the long last bend Bresawn the being the long last bend Bresawn the Bre shipped on landing over the third last fence and fell when going like a winner. Righthan Man, Dickinson's other runner, just ran badly. Later in the day, Radsworth Boy,

mother of the stable's stars, who won the Queen Mother Champion Steeplechase at the National Hunt Festival at Cheltenham in March, got no further than the first fence of the Boston Pit Handicas. the Boston Pit Handicap Steeple-chase, his first race of the season. With Grey Fusilier also falling there and Royal Mere refusing at the next fence the race became a formality for Clayside who won without even breaking into a sweaj. Royal Mere and Grey Fusilier were remounted to take the place money.

After the main race Graham

Going: good.

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1.45 CHRISTMAS PUDDING CHASE (Div I: novices:

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35 OPPO SURPLUS BILK J Webber 7-10-4

11-8 Just For The Crack, 100-30 Greenore Pride, 6 Stephan angion, 10 Colsien, Erroy, 14 Riberion, 16 Contculate, 33 Whichford room, Surplus Silk.

.15 CHRISTMAS BOX HURDLE (Div II: 3-y-o selling:

English Muttin, 7-2 Greenscres Joy, 5 Misty Mirsge, 10 Hatteres, 12 Seton Metch, 14 Iver Sage, 16 Meadeway, 25 .5 CHRISTMAS TREE CHASE (handicap: £1,322:

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4122 ABERSING D Todd 8-11-0
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2233 CORFIGER W A Stephenson 7-10-0

Rounding the long last bend
Bradley eased Bregawn back, alongside his stable pomplar the special that he still had compile stable to the third last fence where disaster struck. That left Prince Rowan out on his own. On the run in, he was not unduly pressed to hold little Owl and Get Out Of My Way at long the figure of the special transfer of hope that he will be a lorce to contend with in the Welsh National at Chresting on December 27. Corals, where parts of the special transfer of

For a horse who was running in only his fifth steeplechase and his first out of novice company against seasoned campaigners. Prince Rowan's jumping was exceptional. Dickinson said that he will run Prince Rowan next at Wetherby on Boxing Day, in the Rowland Meyrick Steeplechase, which he has



Out Of My Way, ran well enough to fan the flames of hope that he will be a lorce to contend write in the Welsh National at Characters on December 17. Corals, when his agents of the contend with the well will be a lorce to contend with the wel that race promptly clipped his price to 14-1 from 20-1. At Haydock Park today, Still

more pointers should be gleaned because the field for the Burnley Handicap Steeplechase includes two who have already won the Chepsiow marathon. Corbiere and Peaty Sandy all being well, they will 

3 Percepient, 9-2 Abersing, 7 Capusta. 9 Kindled Spint, 10 Even Melody. Some Jinks, 12 Oyster Pond. 14 Starlight Lad. 16 Master Melody. Tom Farr, Double Step. 20 others.

2.15 CHRISTMAS CAKE HURDLE Mandicap £1,163: 2m 41 (18)

5 L O Broadway, 6 Master Lucky, Maurice's Trp. 8 Northern Interest, King Ol Stress, Pearly Steps, 10 Glater Starr, 12 Double Discount, Mick's Patast, 16 Beamof, Crowscopper, 20 others.

2.45 CHRISTMAS STOCKING CHASE (handicap

3.15 CHRISTMAS PARTY HURDLE (novices:

BI JOCKEYS: X414: 277) (10)

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AONOCH R Fisher 4-11-10

RED PONTIAC M W Easterby 5-11-0

WORTH AVENUE M Chepmen 7-11-9

BLUES BANK B Wise 4-10-10

CELTIC REST N Crump 4-10-0

OUTLAW W Cay 4-10-10

SIR BLESSED R WISEMENS 4-10-10

WOODLAND GENERATOR P Pritchard 4-10-10

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BLISBORD LASS Mrs G Reveley 8-10-9

CROWERRASS B Prece 5-10-9

GRACEFU, KELLY S PRING 6-10-9

JEMY'S SECRET A Madwer 7-10-9

FRIDALE FLYER W Bernett 4-10-5

FRY GATE J Webber 4-10-5

Southwell selections

(By Our Racing Staff)
11.45 Member's Relish. 12.15 Mons Lad. 12.45 Just For The Crack. 1.15 English Muffin. 1.45 Loch Ryan House. 2.15 Pearly Steps. 2.45 Commander Christy.

ditional jockeys: £414: 2m) (16)

£1,136: 3m 110yd) (12)

Mr M Pitman 7

Annies last April, spen his jumpingwis a revelation.

by the Grand National PearySandy pould firms only night, some
\$A lengths betting Cordiest. Moregreently Peary Sandy Junisted that
his the Ladbroke Fronch over three
and, streeguinter gales, at Newcastle, 14 lengths Depinted Bustle.
Guide who is one of their opponents,
this afternoon, Bush Guide has been
penalized 8lb for that win.

Midnight Love stands second.

Midnight Love started second favourite for the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury last month, but could finish only a distant fourth, 35 lengths behind Brown Chamberlin. Indifferent jumping. was primarily to blame.

Ashley House will need to jump much better than he did whem he was just beaten by Easter Carnival wincanion last month, if he is to win today's race. Afterwards, it transpired that he had pulled a muscle in his back there. I prefer to

#### judge him on the way he jumped around Haydock last January when he won the Peter Marsh Limited Handicap. In that sort of form, he will be hard to beat, even with 12st. POSITION S SPECIAL TO THE STATE OF THE STATE Jetharts Here tries again

The improving nine-year-old made it three wins from his four outings this season when easily beating Mullacurry by seven lengths in the Chries Vickery Memorial Handicap Chase, at Catterick vesteriate.

Renilson, who saddled King Con to win the Scottish National in 1978 said: "Jetharts Here was just broken when he came to me. I was planning to retire king Con but he is so wel at the moment that I will probable bring him out at Kelso on Monday."

PRINCE ROWAN or pp Prince Regent - Ashairez (J Poynton) 7-10-12

Mr D Browne (12-1) 2

Little Ovil Way - P Barton (25-1) 3

TOTE Way F10.50. Phaess £3.60. £2.10 DF: 28.80. CSF: £32.66. M Dickinson at Harswood, 51, 1. Lorentino (25-1) 4th. Bregewn (13-2 kg/. 7 na.) 2.30 WATERLOO HURDLE (handicap: £2,048; 2m 4f) 

Jetharts Here, who loathed the soft ground in this year's Sociation of Sociation of

Haydock results

2.0 TOWNY WHITTLE CHASE (\$3,842-3m)

3.30 ASHTON HURDLE (novices: £1,195: 2m 

OFFICIAL SCHATCHINGS: All engagem

Catterick

TOTE: Wir: £4.10. Places: £1.70. £1.20. £2.00. DF: £5.80. CSF: £8.46. G Renikson at Yedburgh. 71, 209. Unscrupulous Judge (8-1) 4th. 8 ren.

TOTE: Win: 53.70. Places: £1.10, £7.80 DF: 527.80. CSP: £2.72. J Charleon at Enoksbeld. 3, dist. Ploer's Knoti (33-1) 4th. Kelpia (10-11lay). 7 ran.

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3.15 STREETLAM HURDLE (Div II: novio TOTE: Win: \$5.70. Places: £1.20. £4.30, £1.20. DF: £30.80. CSF: £51.34. Placescot: will £17.80.

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The January Yachting World not only has a full Boot Show preview but two big new series: 'Cruising Salls' by Don Street and an advanced "Ready for Racing" series beginning with how to commission a race boat.

**Traumatic** 

times

for West

Germany

Bonn (Reuter) - The West German season starts its annual

winter break this week but the

public furore over the dramatic

decline in the nation's football fortunes shows no sign of abating. West Germans, reared on years of success, find it hard to swallow that

for the first time ever none of their

sides has reached the quarter-finals

of the three European club

competitions.

Even worse, patriotic pride has been humbled by the sight of the once-mighty national side stumbling at home against lowly

opposition and only just scraping into next year's European Championship finals.

The media and supporters, in a

Such simplistic answers beg the real question: what, if anything, has gone wrong with West German football?

The evidence for decline looks overwhelming Bayers Munich were the only West German side from six starters left in this season's

European competitions after the second round. When they went out

second round. When they went out of the UEFA Cup against Totten-ham Hotspur last week, the unthinkable had bappened: not a single West German team left in

Europe.
In the previous 10 years West
German clubs had dominated
Europe, providing no fewer than
eight trophy winners and 15

eight trophy winners and 15 finalists. Four seasons ago West Germany monopolized the UEFA Cup with four of its teams disputing the semi-finals and a fifth - Hamburg - reached the European Cup final the same year.

Hamburg, last May's European champions, epitomize the ills besetting the West German game.

Most experts believe, however

have been the stars of the season so far is no comfort for Derwall as he

attempts to find a team worthy of defending the European title won in

Many managers feel Derwall is being unfairly blamed for the fact that West Germany no longer has a collection of world-class players of

the calibre of Beckenbauer, Müller, Netzer, Breitner and Maier. He also

has the problem of dealing with players who refuse to appear for the national team if they are dropped

Despite the present slump it would be rash to bet against West Germany doing well in France.

Yesterday's results

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group Street

Oxford United 0
SEDWEEK LEAGUE CUP: Bournemouth 0,
Cambridge United 2.

Birmingham director

doubts share issue

Fears that Birmingham City's new £400,000 share issue will be less than half successful could lead to the resignation of Richard Burman, a director, tomorrow.

Mr Burman, a chartered accountant is concerned by a deficiency of with it.

Rome in 1980.

perate and almost hysterical search for scapegoats, are pointing

Manchester City have com-pleted the transfer of Barnsley's ham's manager, said: "A few on Saturday. McCarthy said: "I am delighted to be joining a club of City's standing. I was interested in signing for New-castle United but they could not match Citys offer".

Billy McNeill, City's man-ager, has spent a big slice of the £500,000 fee he received from Arsenal for McCarthy, who played more than 300 senior games for Barnsley. McNeill said: "I needed somebody with command and authority and I saw these qualities in McCarthy when he played against us. I am very conscious that he is my major signing, moneywise, since I came to City, but I am full of confidence that he can fill the gap left by Tommy Caton.

Fulham, who are third from bottom in the second division, yesterday strengthened their squad with the signing of the Queen's Park Rangers forward, Tony Sealy, and Liverpool's midfield player, Steve Foley, both on loan. They will play in Saturday's game at Oldham.

Sealy is on loan until the end of the season, with Fulham having the first option to sign him permanently, Foley, who has been in Liverpool's reserves for four years, is on a two-month term.

#### Luxembourg beaten by Greece

Athens (Reuter). - A valiant attempt by Luxembourg to secure even one point before fading out of the European Championship ended in failure yesterday when they were beaten 1-0 by a careless, uninspired Greek team in front of 7,000

Luxembourg put the accent on attack, but could not prevent the Greeks, who scored through Dimi-tris Saravakos in the 19th minute, rom exining control.

With Denmark already assured of a place in the finals in France next summer, Greece's only incentive was the chance to move ahead of Hungary into third place behind England in group three.

Despite a fine display by in this respect few men have coaxed Defraing, the Luxembourg goal-the minds of players better than keeper, they should have won even Stein. But on Wednesday, even with more comfortably but squandered

desender Mick McCarthy for goals and a few points will do us £200,000 and he will make his the world of good and both of these players are quite capable of helping us achieve this. For Steve especially, the chance of first team football will by like a breath of fresh air. It's not easy when you have players like Graeme Souness and Kenny Dalglish ahead of you."

Stoke City have asked Arsenal to loan them their former forward, Lee Chapman for a month. Chapman, who left Stoke for Arsenal in a £50,000 deal 16 months are her areas. deal 16 months ago, has not established himself at Highbury and is believed to be available fro a £100.000. Another for-ward, Tueart, has been given a free transfer by Stoke. He joined them from Manchester City during the summer, but Stoke's acting manager, Bill Asprey, said yesterday: "It has not worked out."

Oxford United's reserve goalkeeper. John Butcher, has joined the fourth division club, Bury, on a month's loan. He is wanted as cover for the former Oxford goalkeeper, David Brown, who suffered a wrist injury shortly after recovering from a broken arm.

Brentford are giving a free transfer to Graham Wilkins, whose younger brother Ray is the Manchester United and England midfield player.

of the season both countries must

It is the ideal time for a fresh start, fresh faces north of the border after finishing bottom of their

European championship qualifying group if Scotland are ever to justify

the stubborn optimism we regriarly hold for them. Jock Stein, after his

ifficient match in charge, must know it, too. He can lay claim to a 50 per cent success rate with 20 wins and 20 defeats but his less illustrious predecessors, Alistair MacLeod and

Willie Ormond, were more success

The job of an international manager depends upon instant

communication and motivation and

six members of Aberdeen's superbly successful side, there was the

common failure of Scotland to

express their inner selves never



## Scotland seem to have lost their pride, McClelland says

Northern Ireland's twenty-eighth and final victory over Scotland at Windsor Park on Tuesday evening in the last home international championship is history. At the end

Somess, the captain, was seen shaking his head in the second half in disbelief at what this hotchpotch of an Irish side can achieve. But the Irish strength is not merely one of of the season both countries must step out into the big, wide world to fend for themselves and it is Scotland, so rich in resources – and not just mineral – for whom you continuity among its members but of dependable character and surprizing individual excellence.

Stewart is the archetypal modern

Irish international. In November last year when he ripped apart the international reputation of Kaltz and scored the winning goal against West Germany he had not even scored for his club, Queen's Park Rangers, and was on loan to Millwall. On Tuesday he showed that

precious ability to deceive not only his marker but the cover as well. That was something his opposite number, the more celebrated Weir, never looked like doing. On the other wing Cochrane, the man who supplied the passes for the goals of Whiteside and McIlroy, turns out in the third division for Gillingham

every Saturday.

The 2-0 victory confirmed
Northern Ireland's position as
Britain's outstanding performers

18 months with their victims including West Germany (twice), Austria and Spain. Bobby Robson, whose England side must tangle twice with these menacing "nobodies" in the World Cup qualifying round, remarked upon leaving Belfast: "Obviously the Irish confirmed exerctions." I know about confirmed everything I knew about

when they come to discuss the order of those World Cup matches next

could catch them when they are tired." He also hopes that Italy will tired." He also hopes that Italy will provide the opposition when Northern Ireland celebrate the opening of their £2 million North sand, probably in August. They will need that kind of opposition if they are to come anywhere near filling their 6,800 seats. They must hope that they keep drawing England in qualifying groups.

The role of international manager has blended perfectly with the Perry Como roll neck sweater style of Billy Bingham. His record as manager has been outstanding by any standards, let alone that of a small country. His job security is assured - or it should be.

promise at this level. After failing to score in their first three games, Wales are unbeaten in the last three

of this season's European Cup by Dynamo Bucharest and were outplayed by Gremio, of Brazil, on Sunday in the World club championship, losing 2-1 after extra captains Rangers, thought that they had "lost their pride." them." There was a hint of more concern than diplomacy in that concern than diplomacy in that statement. Windsor Park will not figure early on England's fixture list that the lack of outstanding sides is a temporary phenomenon and that a temporary phenomenon and that West Germany could soon bounce back. Stuttgart, inspired by the Icelandic midfield player, Asgeir Sigurvinsson, lead the league by one point from Bayern. But the Munich side boast the best defensive record thanks mainly to the brilliant goalkeeping of the Belgian, Jean-Marie Pfaff. The fact that these two

Billy Bingham, the Irish manager, would like to start their competition against Finland. "They finish their season in September and maybe we

●Chris Marustik's ninth minute goal against Yugoslavia at Newport on Tuesday night virtually ensures Wales' entry to the next UEFA under-21 championship. The Swan-sea midfield player scored the only goal of the game to end Yugoslavia's unbeaten record and confirm Weish

ant, is concerned by a deficiency of

and liabilities at the close of last year's accounts on June 30.

In the annual report, to be presented to shareholders at the

annual meeting tomorrow, this figure is said to be covered by the value of Birmingham's players.

£606,689 between the club's as

#### ROWING

#### Henley is swanning along nicely

SNOOKER

**Sharp Thorne is** 

on the losing side

Willie Thorne put on a brilliant. Stevens after Miles had failed to one-man show in the Hofmeister arrive in time for his second round

world doubles championship at match.

Northampton yesterday, but still But Miles, due to partner George

ended up on the losing side in the Ganim, of Australia, was misled by quarter-final round against the an error in the tournament booking defending champions, Steve Davis form which he had, like all the

Thorne, the 29-year-old from pair were scheduled to play Tony Leicester, rattled in the tournament Knowles and Jimmy White at night

highest break of 139 in the third when, in fact, they were due on frame and added a 96 clearance in against Higgins and Stevens in the

champion Davis and Meo, who had returned to Birmingham, and

frame and added a 96 clearance in

David Taylor, sadly out of touch,

Thorne could not hold off world

took the match 5-3.

The London pair took the first two frames 94-29 and 97-29, but then came Thorne's superb total clearance of 139. Davis replied to

Thorne's big break with a 62 to take the fourth frame 93-1. Thorne and Taylor won the next 63-47, but then

Meo struck with a break of 51 to take frame six 72-27 to lead 4-2.

clearance to win frame seven 115-11, but missed the black off its spot early in the eighth and Meo stepped in with a 41 break and the tournament's even favourites took

the frame 63-8 to secure their place in the semi-finals.

Snooker's governing body, the World Professional Billiards and

Snooker Association, have turned

their weight behind "wronged" snooker professional. Graham

snooker professional. Graham Miles. On Tuesday the promoters of

the Hofmiester world doubles championship awarded a 5-0 walkover to United Kingdom champion, Alex Higgins and Kirk

Thorne sparkled again with his 96

the seventh. But with his partner, afternoon.

players, been sent. That showed the

Although Ganim had discovered

the mistake on Monday night, Miles

was informed by telephone only when he failed to appear. The tournament director, Gideon Lloyd,

said: "It is up to professionals to find out when they are playing.

Miles did not bother to check with

the tournament office as his partner

had. The booking form he was sent

was meant to show only first round

times and we were aware of the

John Virgo, vice-chairman of the WPBSA, said: "We will discuss the matter at our next board meeting

but we certainly feel out member has been hard done by. It is clearly

has been hard done by. It is clearly unfair to expect Higgins and Stevens to play the match now, but Miles has a real grievance and we will have to see what can be done. Virgo added pointedly: "It maybe that in future the WPBSA will have to be much more closely involved in the running of tournaments."

QUARTER-FRAL ROUND: A Knowles and J White bt R Hants and M Mora, 5-4; R Reardon and J Spancer bt F Davis and M Waterson 5-2, S Davis and a Meo bt W Thome and D Taylor, 5-3.

Henley Royal Regatta is well affoat and healthy, a fact reflected in the annual accounts published after the Stewards' annual meeting yesterday. The regana cost £470,000 yesterday. The regana cost 24 4,000 to stage this year, expenditure ranging from almost £200,000 for erecting and dismantling stands and tents to £473 for "taking up and keeping swans". The stewards' enclosure tickets were sold out for three of the four days and income exceeded expenditure by over exceeded expenditure by over

A wise fiscal policy, by which new sources of income have been generated, has enabled the stewards to hold down the level of subscription for membership of the Enclosure. In 1971, members' subscriptions provided 47 per cent

search for scapegoats, are pointing the finger of blame in two directions — at Jupp Derwall, and at the country's top players. Derwall is accused of everything from faulty selection to pampering players; the players themselves are under fire for being overpaid and lacking the will to win. subscriptions provided 47 per cent of the total income; this year the percentage has fall to 25 per cent.

While the world's top crews are likely to be absent next year, preparing for the Olympic regatta on Lake Casitas, California, Henley is still bound to be a sell out. Guest tocket for the sequence enclosure. tickets for the stewards enclosure will be limited to 6,500 for the first two days and 7,500 on Saturday and Sunday.

The world's most famous regatta

appears rosy in all departments. This year the domestic entry of 218 was the highest ever received, and

was the highest ever received, and noteworthy was a record level of schools support – 39 eights, five fours, three pairs and a sculler.

With domestic membership of the stewards enclosure limited to 5,000, there is a waiting list of 191 (including 67 oarsmen who have competed at Henley), and applicants from outside the sport now face some years of waiting before. face some years of waiting before they are likely to be elected

On the technical side, in line with the international governing body (FISA), boats using sliding riggers are banned. Mr lain Reid, who rowed in the outstanding 1966 Emmanuel School crew was elected a steward of the Regatta at yesterday's meeting.

#### **RACKETS Indomitable** Boone wins again

By William Stephens

William Boone retained the William Boone retained the Celestion Loudspeakers invitation championship by defeating Randall Crawley 15-4, 18-13, 11-15, 15-3 in last night's final at Queen's Club. Boone had hitherto been indomitable, having not dropped a game in the competition.

The only time they met in a championship last year, Crawley beat Boone in the semi-final of the Canadian Amateur championship in Montreal. They know each other's game, being holders together of both Open and Amateur Doubles

Crawley, aged 33, who owns a fine art business, is a graceful player with an artistic flair for delicate. wristy shots beautifully timed, but he has a brittle temperament. Last night he eliminated James Male, aged 19, in an absorbing encounter. Male offers the intriguing spec-tacle of a player, double-handed in

all strokes except service from the left box: a Frew McMillan, but who, when receiving service volleys and attacks like Jimmy Connors, driving the ball back with advantage.

However, when taking the ball off
the back wall, his feet sometimes.

become locked into position, constricting his strokes. This, together with nomadic concentration, was his downfall: leading one game to love and 14-8 with his opponent despondent, he allowed Crawley, serving well, to slow the pace and command length. RESULTS: Send-date R S Crawley bt J S Male 10-15, 17-14, 4-15, 15-9, 15-7. W R Boone bt N A R Crippe 15-3, 15-5, 15-6.

Driver of the year

Martin Brundle, the 24-year old Kings Lynn racing driver, is the Donington Circuit driver of the year's British Formula Three Championship, recieved a cheque for £1250 from Howitt Printing, the sponsors of the award, after winning three races at the Leicestershire

Thorne: recorded highest break of 139

**RUGBY UNION** 

forward Steve Wilkes for the first time since he was sent of at Leicester in October for Saturday's game with Gloucester at Coundon

six-week suspension, returns as tight head as one of two changes from the side that ganed Coventry's fifth win in a row by beating Liverpool last weekend. The other is also in the front row with Casper Weston. normally the club's thirdchoice hooker, preferred to the youth team hooker Steve Elvidge.
Sacacens, chasing their fourth successive victory, drop their

leading scorer Dave Gregory for the trip to Rugby. Saracens have been forced to omit Gregory in an effort to improve their wayward goalkicking and Thompson in Keay, the captain is back to add his experience to the cause.

Lewis returns to the London

Welsh second row for the match with London Irish at Old Deer Park. Collins makes way for Lewis who joins the New Zealander Jock Ross

stand-off as London Welsh try to make up for last weekend's defeat at Cardiff.

#### **Enevoldson** in university side By David Hands

London University will field an England B international and two Under-23 squad members against Welsh Universities at Motspur Park today. Enevoldson, the former Oxford University prop. now at St Mary's hospital, played against Ireland B last year, and Walsh and Paige, the half backs, toured Italy in 1982 with England Under-23.

LONDON UNIVERSITY: P Greenway (Wastmester); R Ford (Royal Hollowy), D Vaux (London Business School), B Berker (London Huspital), D Nermington (St Thomas 's); D Walsh (Royal Free), G Paige (St Mary's); A N Environ (St Mary's), A Gilifan (Cuen Mary college), P Enevoláson (St Mary's), P Davies (Wastminster), J Colans (Wastfield), N Fetsing (Iong's), J Esson (Middlesex), J Monts (Royal Free, captain).

American doctor who puts new life in sports fields

## Green-fingered man in pastures yellow

Champaign, Illinois (AP) – grass starts dying, the first Sports enthusiasts in the United States like to see green, healthy grass growing on baseball fields and golf courses. In the state of Illinois alone, \$1,000m are spent each year to keep turf in perfect condition.

The grass starts dying, the first will kinson said. In his laboratory Wilkinson identified turf diseases and tries to develop cures get called in on just about any turf malady, but I usually oly spend time on diseases. Willinson is looking at three fungus-caused diseases that may be controlled with micropartics of the state of turf malady, but I usually oly spend time on diseases. perfect condition.

When baseball turf turns threatened a tournament at ate, or at least severely reduce, yellow and golf greens die Butler national golf course in the need for spraying with somewhere in the midwest region of the United States, the was consulted and diagnosed With two colleagues, he has grass doctor of the University of pythium blight. It was treated illinois gest a call.

Henry Wilkinson studies the he said.

Chemical companies ask Chemical companies ask Wilkinson whether grass probin his laboratory, but frequently

and the tournament proceeded.

finds himself in the role of turf lems are causesd by disease or consultant. "When someone's by chemicals used to treat the process.

HONOKONG: Women's tournament (all US) I Shriver by K Horvath, 6-4, 6-7, 6-2, N Navratiova by K Jordan, 6-4, 6-2.

PLANTATION, California: Sunstains Cup pand championship: First round: British 2, Pens 1.

ROXING

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia: IBF cruiserweight chemponship: Marvin Camel (US) bt Roddy Macdonald (US), rac little round.

The Rughy League are not going

ahead with moves to start the game

in the Isle of Man. The Management

Committee, meeting in Leeds yesterday, considered a preliminary approach from a group of people on the Island, but decided not to

pursue the matter. Keighley and Swinton are to be reprintanted by

the League after being involved in a brawl during their John Player Trophy tie on November 20.

Island rejected

When a grass problem organisms. "We aim to elimin-

applied for a patent on a process for discovering and developing micro-organisms that control specific grass diseases. He said

15 companies are bidding in the range of \$2m for rights to that

**SWIMMING** 

#### FOR THE RECORD (Pol) best I Nastase (Rom) 7-6, 6-7, 7-6; T Mayorie beat M Purcof, 6-3, 6-3; A Mayer beat C Campbel, 6-3, 6-4; B Teacher beat B Gorthed, 7-6, 6-1; S Glickstein (Isr) beat S Denton 6-1, 6-7, 6-0.

BASKETBALL EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Quarter-finel: Cibona Zagreb 81. Saturn Cologne 72. KORIAC CUP: Tours (Fr) 99, Siberak (Yug) 83; Red Star Belgrade 89, Javentus Caserta (K) 89, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: Utah Jazz 102. Clevelard Cavelers 105' Atlanta Hawks 94, Washington Bullets 85; Boston Celtics 102, New York Kricks 100; Chicago Bulls 56, Milwaylas Bucks 68; Houston Roccets 123, Phoenis Suns 110; Portland Trail Biczers 123, Phoenis Suns 110; Portland Trail Biczers 123, Golden State Warners 122; Detroit Pistons 186, Derwer Nuggels 184.

HANDBALL.

KATOWICE: WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPION. SHIPS: Group A: Defener's 20, Spoin 15, Swiger's 19, Swider 17; East Germany 20, Romenia 19, GROUP B: Czechoslovnkia 23, Romenia 19, Ropour B: Austria 20; Wool Germany 17, Poland 11.

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#### Salnikov heads Soviet team Moscow (AFP) - Vladimir Salnikov, holder of the world 400

metres and 1.500 metres freestyle records, leads the Soviet Union's team for the European Cup short-course meeting in Ankara this weekend.

MER: V Salnskov, S Sminagune, A Pakovski, S Krasniuk, M Voskov, R Jouga, S Zabolotnov, V Shemetov, M Taracsov, S Fessenko, A

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E. Sasian Jama. E. Dendeberova.
BERLIN: Utc. Geweniger, the Women's world record holder for 100 metres breaststroke and 200 metres individual medley, is absent from the East German team.
In the men's team is Jorg Worthe. the 100 metres freestyle Olympic champion

MEN: J Worther, S Liess, R Buttgerek, T Drosser, D Richter, F Bahmusch, U Desster, L Hanni-Surij, R Stemal, WCCERN: B Mouneke, A Sonnenbrodt, Harter, I Gossler, I Rober, C Sirch, P Schröder, U Zerlass, S Link,



Olsen at Old Trafford yesterday: "My favourite club since I was a schoolboy."

## Olsen in agreement with United

Jesper Olsen, the Danish international, made his first trip to Manchester yesterday and manchester yesterday and manchester yesterday and manchester United attack to Friday night's television game against Tottenham Hotspur will include Norman Whiteside. Garth wards, the Manchester United chairman, said: "We have agreed a three-year contract with Jesper but certain formalities are still to be sorted out with his club, Ajax.

Olsen seems committed to joining United and is obviously looking forward to playing in England. He said. I have had no problem with Ajax. They know they are losing me. Manchester United have been my favourite club since I was a schoolboy and I am delighted to be coming here."

Olsen has had some problems

with an ankle injury, but he said: "I don't think an operation will be necessary. The main problem is that not been getting enough

But, despite Olsen's enthusiasm for a transfer to United, Mr Edwards said: "I don't know when he will reach a final decision with his club."

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Crooks is prevented from facing his former colleagues by a clause in his loan transfere from Tottenham. Arnold Murben comes into

contention for a midfield place after a month out of action with a calf injury. He has withdrawn from a midweek reserve game in case he is needed as United re-shuffle to cover the probable absence of their central defender, Gordon McQueen, be-

reserve team outings. United are confident that Fri-

day's live television coverage of the match will not produce a slump in the Old Trafford attendance. Perhaps televising this game is more likely to effect attendances around the country on Saturday. Luton

Tuesday night's football results

Second division (2)3 OLDHAM 4,825 CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Burnley Q. Nothingham Forest 0: Leads 0, Derby 1. Second division: Manchester City 5. Blackpool G: Meddestrough 2, Crestorfield 2; Preston 2, Bradford City 3: 'wigan v Port Vale, postpored. FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Chalese 0, Skiminghum 1. ESSEX SEMIOR TROPHY: Third cound:

The Manchester United attack for riday night's television game switched their games to Sunday.

The Friday match - the first to be shown live by the BBC - should give a cleared indication of the effect of live football on attendances than the four previous ITV Sunday screen-To the end of November

aggregate attendances were only marginally down on last season – at 6,786,932. Taking into account the postponed first division programme on October 8, the figures indicate that the fall in gates may have been detender, Gordon McQueen, because of injury.

The Totienham forward, Steve
Archibald, bas a 50-50 chance of inclusion injury to play Alan Brazil stands by. Ossic Ardiles
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trial action - has complicated the position. Interpretation of the effect of television, live or otherwise, on

> The two-year agreement with the television companies is due for reappraisal at the end of the seaso No changes are anticipated League officials at the moment.

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Bob Lond Trophy: Second round, second log: Barnet 2, Westdatone 3 (agp 5-4).

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Redknapp impressed by Windsor By Paul Newman

Harry Redknapp, the manager of Bournemouth, was a relieved man after his side had earned a goalless draw at Windsor and Eton in the second round of the FA Cup on Tuesday night.

Tuesday night.

Redknapp said he had been dreading the visit to the Isthmian League club's Stag Meadow ground and added: "I was very impressed with Windsor and if they work as hard again at our place they will still be difficult to beat."

The replay takes place at Dean Court on Monday night and Geoff Chapple. Windsor's manager, conceded that Bournemouth must now be the favourites to carn a place i the third round at home to Manchester United. But he added: They're not there yet and I'm sure they realize it. I don't think they'll get a harder game in the third

The Isthmian League side were a match for their third division opponents in every respect but created few openings after the first 10 minutes. Bournemouth, who were on top for much of the first half but were well held in the second, came closest to breaking the deadlock three minutes into injury time, when Lee hit a post. In other second round ties on

Tuesday night Rochdale achieved a

remarkable result when they won 2-0 away to York City, the fourth division leaders and Blackpool beat Bangor City 2-1 in 'a replay. Rochdole, for whom Johnson scored twice, had recorded only one away victory in the previous 18 months. Bangor's hopes of meeting Manchester City in the third round were dashed by a seventy-second minute winner by Stewart at Bioomfield Road.

## three games Hales could pep up his team's promotion push, which has seen them climb to fifth place Hamburg in

with it.

Derek Hales has recovered from a

groin strain and is included in Charlton Athletic's 16-man squad

back taxes wrangle

Hamburg (Reuter) - The European champions, Hamburg whose troubles seem to keep growing on and off the field, were yesterday ordered to pay more than £240,000 in back taxes. Hamburg city financial authorities said the club had claimed too much tax exemption for spending on their youth team and on two sports centres between 1976 and 1982.

Despite ending their most successful season by winning the European Cup and West German championship, the club lost more than £100,000 and are reported to be be be to be the season by the season between the season by the season

Hamburg out of this season's European Cup and defeated by Gremio, of Brazil, in the world club championship on Sunday, have slumped from top to fourth place in

the league in recent weeks, while their home gates have fallen alarmingly.

The club treasurer. Helmut Kallman, said Hamburg had not tried to evade taxes. The tax decision had been expected, and

money had been put aside to meet the demand. Eintracht Bruswick, also of the Budestiga, have been foiled in a move to change their name to that of a Schnapps drink, to increase sponsorship. An arbitration panel have announced an injuction banning Brunswick, I.Im in debt. from renaming themselves PTSV

Jacgermeister. The disciplinary committee of UEFA today make a second attempt to decide whether the Italian club. Inter Milan, attempted to bribe the Dutch side, Groningen. Groningen reported a month ago that Hans Berger, the manager, was offered more than £50,000 to ensure the club lost a EUFA Cup second round log match against Inter, in Bari on November 2.

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Britain did reduce the lead there was not enough time for the equaliser.

From the nine short corners carned

first half when the half chance was not seized but when three players,

Kerly, Hughes and Leman failed to score from Batchelor's centre and the ball was scrambled away by a lunging stick. Something seemed to

have gone wrong. This was not the same side that had parried and tormented the Malaysians

Eventually Britain went ahead in

through their centre forward Jong Yul-Han, who showed a remarkable

turn of speed and popped the ball into goal. The same player put them

in from four minutes later and soon after Soon Ho-Shin also picked up the trail to put them 3-1 in from.

In the last desperate minutes Kerly scored from a short corner to

revive Britain's spirits but their efforts to save the say did not materialise and the Koreans hung

On No will.

SOUTH KOREA: Seck Kyun-Shin, Nam Jan-Km, Yong Sung-Jin, Boo Jan-Jung, Gung Ok-Nam, Ji Young-Mo, Yang Moon-Yoon, Soon Ha-Shin, Jong Yul Nan, Seong Jung-Kim, Yong

calcula (APP) - Thousands of spectators booed and threatened violence as India plunged to a humiliating defeat by an innings and 46 runs in the fifth Test against West Indies, here yesterday. Armed police had to guard the Indians after they were all out for 90 before lunch the lowest ever by India against the West Indies.
The state-owned television had to

cut short an interview with the Indian captain Kapil Dev as worried police officers asked the commentators to get elevision commentators to indoors. The crowd threw orang indoors. The crowd threw oranges and eggs they had brought for their lunch, whenever they spotted an Indian cricketer. One of the victims of the 80,000 strong crowd's fury was Sumil Gavaskar's wife, who was being interviewed along with Clive Lloyd's wife, an orange hit her and she had to cut short her interview. The West Indies fast bowler.

The West Indies fast bowler.

Malcolm Marshall, ran through the Indian second innings batting finishing with his Test best analysis of six for 37 off 15 overs, four of which were maidens. The man of the Match Award went to Lloyd. whose masteriy 161 not out in the West Indies first innings had largely contributed to the Caribbrean

rictory.

The result was the culmination of a splendid fight-back by West Indies, who left India bitterly indies, who left India bitterly reflecting that they let slip a good position. West Indies were reeling on 88 for five in reply to India's first innings of 241 but recovered to make 377 essentially on the strength of Lloyd's innings. The touring team's fast bowlers swiftly pressed to the reference of the refere home the advantage, despite the prospect of any early finish, Eden Gardens was packed almost to its capacity when Malhotra and Shastri

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It seemed for a while as if the optimism of Calcutta's cricket mthusiasts was justified as the pair held out for almost half an hour before Marshall broke through bowling Shastri. Malhoura attacked anything that was pitched up to him and hit five fours to take his score

dropped at the wicket off Marshall, But Binny did not profit too much from this reprieve. He slashed at one of the few loose balls Marshall bowled during the morning and was speciacularly caught, low and one Earlier in the same over, Kapil Dev went without scoring when he was caught in two minds by a bouncer from Marshall. He shaped to hook but checked his shop and top-edged a catch to Dujon.

Roberts ended the match by bowling Kirmani. The West Indian fast bowler, who took three wickets

MDA First Inness 241 (Kapil Dev 69)
Second Inness
S M Gevashar c Dujon b Holong
A D Gealwayd b Holong
D B Vengsahar L B W b Marshall
S Manniger b Holong
S Vaday b Marshall
A O Mahotra c Dujon b Marshall
A O Mahotra c Dujon b Marshall
B I Shasan B Marshall

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-29, 3-29, 4-33, 5-36, 6-50, 7-77, 8-77, 9-80, 10-90. BOWLING: Murshell 15-4-37-6, Holding 9-3-29-3: Davis 2-0-7-0; Roberts 4-1-11-1. anaysea)
MRMAN TEST PARTY: S M Ghavecker, A D
Gaekwad, D B Vengsarker, Navjot Singh, A D
Maitoriar, Gursharan Singh, R J Sastin, R H
Minny, TS M H Kirmani, C Starma, R Kulkarni,
S Yadav, Maninder Singh, L Sivaramaknahnan.

#### Willey to the rescue

Port Elizabeth (AP) - The West Indian rebels yesterday drew their three-day match against Eastern Province. Needing 234 to win in 126 minutes and 20 overs, the West Indians had scored 181 for seven by the close of play.

Eastern Province, 72 ahead on first innings and 25 for two overnight, collapsed and were all four for 26.

The former England batsman,

**FISHING** 

#### Differences that are familiar

By Conrad Voss Bark "Many English fisherman are

looked upon by Americans as being professional eccentrics," said the ise and witty New Yorker over dinner in Parma's on Third Avenue The remark was a compliment. To be an eccentric is not entirely difficult on either side of the Atlantic. To be a professional eccentric is not far short of an The American approach to an

achievement has similarities to our own. We are, as it were, recogniza-bly cousins. We make a point of our respective quirks and oddities. What respective quirks and oddities. What can one say, for example, about fishing a dry fly two and a half inches long by drifting it downstream from a canoe? Halford never even thought of it. Neither did Skass. It is certainly original; and are not originals at least partly on their way to the eccentric? Or what is one to say about the

use of a tippet twenty feet long? Is it not, as Dr Johnson might have said, somewhat of an extravagance? And extravagances have been the mark al eccentrics ever since Cyrano de The point that is worth making is

that American ingenuity and inventiveness are worth more than an occasional acknowledgment from hidebound islanders. We own them a great deal. We are inclin them a great deal. We are inclined to take for granted the blessings of the Grey Wuiff, the Minddler Minnow, the plastic line and the graphite rod; yet we would make a mistake if we thought that because we had borrowed so much from the Americans our methods of fishing

It is true that without too much difficulty we can recognize an American in his vest and waders and American in his vest and waters and tennis-racquet net as being a fly fisherman, but that is about as far as it should go. He is most likely to be fishing a river where size and power is unknown in our island, which contain fish of a kind we do not have, and insects which, like American footballers, are large, ferocious and unfamiliar.

It was, you may remmber, Theodore Gordon who said that Mr Halford's flies were no good on American rivers. A hundred years have proved Mr Gordon correct. You are far more likely to get a Detort trout to take a cress bug than an orange quill. As for the enormous trout of the Yellowstone and the son – they are different beings in a different world.

Yet, whether you are fishing a hopper or a humpy, in a river that is in every way dissimilar to anything you have known there are recognizable affiliaties. You come across them one by one - a trout on the fin in the Rapidan which bears a close resemblance to its fellow-countryman on the Itchen, the drift of a fly, a curl of water, a familiar rise - and without being aware of the gap of 4,800 miles or so you are suddenly at home.

That is, of course, the considerable advantage of fishing in America. The Englishman's singularity of behaviour, if that is what eccentricity means, may well be roughled by Americana with american regarded by Americans with amusement, but it is an amusement considerably tinged with affection. Dujon. Malhotra shared a seventh wicket stand of 27 - the biggest of the innings - with Binny Who, just before Malhotra's dismissal, was handed, by Harper at third slip.

in the first innings, would not have got on to bowl but for the fact Davis suffered no-ball problems and had to be taken off after only two overs.

Total() .\_

 India's captain, Kapil Dev will miss the fifth one-day international against the West Indies in Gauhati on Saturday. He has withdrawn from the 13-man party announced last weekend after complaining of soreness in his right knee which was op rated on three years ago. and hit five fours to take his score

India will also be without from the overnight two to 30 when Gavaskar, who asked the selectores he recklessly cut at short ball from not to consider him.

Willey, scored 45. He and Emslie, not out 50, rescued the side from 52 for five after the West Indian's fast bowler, Hardey Alleyne, had taken three wickets for seven runs in four

OVETS.

SCORES: Eastern Province 314 and 161 (D Emsile 50 not out: H L Allayne 4 for 26, A I Kalischarma 4 for 26). West inclaim 10 242 for 7 dec and 181 for 7.

Hobert, Tasmerika (Reuter) – The Pakistan captain, Imran Khan, who plays in his first match of the Australian tour against Tasmania here on Friday, yestenday confirmed that he would not be able to bowl in the final two Test matches against Australia. Imran has a stress fracture of the shin.

By Jenny MacArthur

David Broome, with his top horse, the Irish bred Last Resort, is among the 24 riders competing at

the twelfth Olympia international show jumping championship which

starts tonight and continues until

Monday.

The show, which is sponsored by

Cognac Courvoisier, Norwich Union and Radio Rentals, provides

a unique blend of Christmas fun

events as in the jumping with riders

involving themselves as much in the fun events as in the jumping.

With the loss of the Easter Birmingham show, Olympia now provides the only British qualifying and (Saturday afterness) for the

round (Saturday afternoon) for the Volvo World Cup Holland final in

Broome is lying third in the European World Cup league, one place behind his sister, Liz Edgar. If

Last Resort continues to produce his early autumn form – he won the qualifier at Amsterdam in October –

Broome could climb even higher.



SKIING

THE TIMES THURSDAY DECEMBER 15 1983

Flawless display by Italian

Rosa Quario, Italy's Main hope for a medal in the Olympic, skied superbly yesterday on her home upset the Swiss favourite. slope, to upset the Swiss favourite, Erika Hess, in the second women's special slalom of the World Cup. Miss Quario, from Milan, recorded her fourth World Cup win, clocking the fastest time in the first run down the Kandahar course.

In the second heat, the diminutive Italian checked a strong comeback by the Austrian, Roswi-tha Steine, who finished 0.33sec

Miss Hess, who had triumphed in two previous cup races, finished fifth. The defending world slalom champion skied a poor second run, and lagged 0.95sec behind. How-combined standings, to pile up 34 ever, she clinched victory in the combined standings, and took The defending World Cup cham-undisputed leadership in the overall pion, Tamara McInney, of Califor-

**EQUESTRIANISM** 

**Last Resort could** 

give Broome a lift

resteroay's statom was combined with last Thursday's downhill in Val D'Isere, France, in which Miss Hess was eleventh. The combined and the fifth place in the slatom gave Miss Hess 111 points, ahead of the West German veteran, Irene Epple, the previous leader, who gained 10 points from the slatom. Miss Female from the slatom Miss Female. away controversies triggered by recent poor showings from Italian

from the slalom. Miss Epple finished thirtysecond, about nine seconds behind the winner. Monika Hess, Erika's cousin, made the podium in third place, 0.62sec behind, and Dorata and Malgorzata Tialka, the Polish twins, finished fourth and sixth respect-

the best American, in seventh place. She capitalized on third place in the

opportunity for quick revenge in another slalom, at Piancavallo, in north east Italy. The organizers will

again use artificial snow.

SPECIAL SLALOM: 1, M R Cuario (d), 1min 37.58sec; 2, R Steiner (Austria), 1:37.98; 3, M Hess (Switz), 1:38.28; 4, D Table (Fo), 1:38-5; 5, E Hees (Switz), 1:38.61; 6, M Table (Fo), 1:39.42; 7, C Cooper (US), 1:39.47; 8, N Torne (Yugo), 1:39.48; 9, A Zavadiar (Yugo), 1:39.48; 10, B, Gestent (Switz), 1:39.49; 11. 

1:41.48.
COMBRHED: Val D'Isere and yesterday: 1, E
Hess, 22.16pts; 2, L Sóltmer (Austria), 44.40; 3,
Cooper, 48.41; 4, Charvstore, 50.42; 5, M Garg
(WG), 93.5.
WORLD CLIP: 1, E Hess, 111 pts; 2, I Epple
(WG), 93.5.
WORLD CLIP: 4, H Walter (Svitz), 51; equal 4, H
Wanzel (Liech) and Sóltmer, 47.

was an admirable and often thrilling advertisement for the game.

These are big men but they kept out of each other's way and

concentrated on playing squash rather than trying to score psycho-logical points. Briars tired after the

third game but them managed to take something of a breather. The ball cooled down, changing its nature during thetwo minute

interval before the fifth game, in which Briars made a more adept

Kenyon was given a hard match by Neil Harvey but was slightly the

tidier in maintaining a hot pace and exploiting the court's length and width. Briars beat Kenyon in their only match this season and the game has more variety. But he may be a little vulnerable, mentally and

physically, after the strenuous and

worrying matches he has been forced to play. Logic suggests that Briars is more likely to win a short

Davis Cup in China

Peking (Reuter) - China will host a Davis Cup tie for the first time when they play Sri Lanka in Canton

from January 13 to 15, the New

adjustment to the variation.

**SQUASH RACKETS** 

#### **Encounter of third** kind for rivals

more seriously challenged. Briars indeed has twice been taken to five games: by Robert Forde and, in a semi-final by Geoff Williams. Briars took 88 minutes to beat Williams 9-6, 9-2, 6-9, 0-9, 9-2 in a match that

A total of £3.525 will be at stake national championships, sponsored by Just Juice, are played this evening at Abbeydale Park, Sheffield. For the third consecutive year Gawain Briars and Philip Kenyon will contest the men's final. Kenyon won in 1981, Briars last year. For the first time (though it

year. For the first time (though it should have happened a year ago)
Lisa Opic will play Martine le Moignan in the women's final,
Miss Opic, aged 20, and Miss le Moignan. ten months her senior, were both born in Guernsey and have been close rivals since they took up the game almost a decade ago. Miss Opic has the edge, won this title in 1981 and tends to be

Miss le Moignan, a runner up in 1980 and 1982 has been out of competition since October because of problems with her back and a hamstring. But the break seems to have done her good. She is hungry for points, her concentration has improved and she is less remove to a improved and she is less prone to a sudden rash of loose shots than she

sudden rash of toose shots than she used to be.

Miss le Moignan is deceptively facile in her use of the side walls, but Miss Opie is slightly more versatile and flexible. Both won their semifinals with impressive case, Miss Opie against Ruth Strauss and Miss le Moignan against Angela Smith. Miss Opie will probably win what should be a close final should be a close final.

Briars and Kenyon have been SHOOTING

China News Agency said yesterday. **BADMINTON** 

#### Setting off to **English players** win back the are on the Empire trophy receiving end By Our Shooting Correspondent

The National Rifle Association is The National Rifle Association is sending a Great Britain team to Australia and New Zealand during January and February, the first Antipedes lour for four years, during which they hope to win back the Empire Challenge Trophy which Britain lost to Canada at Bisley in prix finals in contrasting fashion last night.

Helen Troke, of England, the Commonwealth champion, was left helpless by the speed and all-court

The Empire match, fired at irregular intervals because it is only shot when an Australian team is present in any of the Common wealth countries, will be a central feature of the tour, at Brisbane on February 6. Before that, the team, which starts off in Wellington, New Zealand, will meet Canada, Austra-lia and New Zealand in an international the end of the New Zealand championships, on January

The British captain is Lieutenant-Colonel H J Orpen-Smellic, Para-chute Regiment, who was captain of the Army VIII for 14 years and has a wide experience of both home and touring international competition. touring international competition.

Team: N E C Molymeux (Surrey), K E Citardy
(Devon), S Belither (Easex), R J Brassley
(Stropshire), M J Brister (Mitshire), I R M
Brown (Surrey), J H Carmichael (Worcastershire), A Chown (Surrey), D Cooper
(Hampshire), N C Crawnieuw (Warnicshire), C W A Curningham (Hampshire), P Drew
(Buckinghampshire), E P J Harrison (Sussex), R M Heighter (Surfoid), J R Killen
(Warwickshire), V Robertshew (Yorkshire), A St.
G Tucker (Surrey), L T Wicker (Sussex), A
Wombell (Sussex),

Jakarta (Reuter) - China's two All-England badminton champions. Zhang Ailing and Luan Jin, won their opening matches in the grand

excellence of Zhang, who raced to an 11-4, 11-3 victory in just 12 minutes. In another group A match in the eight-women event, Kirsten Larsen, of Denmark, inflicted a second defeat on the England team by beating Sally Podger 11-4, 11-8.

by beating Sally Podger 11-4, 11-8.

Luan also made a good start in his attempt to win the men's title but had to dig deep into his reserves to defea the unfancied Ong Beng Teong, of Malaysia, 15-11, 15-9.

MEN'S SINGLES: Group & Luan Jin (China) bt Ong Beng Teong (Mat) 15-11, 15-9. Group B: P Padukone (Indu) is Hastomo Arbi (Indu) 15-8, 15-7. Group D: N Yates (Eng) bt Icak Sugarto (Indu) 15-2, 15-7. Group C: M Frost (Den') to Tam Brogy (China) 15-11, 15-4.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Group & Zhang Aking (China) bt H Troke (Eng) 11-4, 11-3; K Larsen (Den) bt S Podger (Eng) 11-4, 11-3; K Larsen (Den) bt S Podger (Eng) 11-4, 11-3; K Larsen (Den) bt Lungwei (China) bt K Beckman (Eng) 11-2, 11-5; Li Lungwei (China) bt J Webster (Eng) 11-4, 11-5.

Strong entry

The Japan open badminton championships, to be held in Tokyo from January 18 to 22, will feature many top players, including the 1983 world champion, Icuk Sugiarto, of Indonesia, and Jane Webster, of England,

## Rude awakening for sleepy Britons

was scored.

From Sydney Friskin Hongkong

Great Britain The British team went to bed on Tuesday night probably thinking they had done enough by beating Malaysia 3-2 in Group B of the ten nations hockey tournament here. But yesterday they had a rude awakening when they were beaten by South Korea and now have an enormous task on their hands for a place in the semi-finals.

If Britain beat China today they

the 32nd minute. There was a free
will have the same number of points
as Malaysia, who yesterday lost 2-0

Pakistan. But Malaysia, who have
completed their group fixtures have
a goal difference of plus two whereas

second half the Koreans drew level completed their group fixtures have a goal difference of plus two whereas Britain's goal difference at present stands at minus three. This means that in order to finish ahead of Malaysia Britain win many China by six clear goals.

Malaysia, lodged a protest against the award of Pakistan's second goal that as they were

vesterday but as they were questioning the umpire's judgment questioning the umpire's judgment rather than a mistake on a point of law they were overruled. But all these arguments cannot hide the fact Britain's performance against the Koreans was disappointing. Perhaps they under-estimated the oppo-

whole approach in the first half lacked purpose and meaning. The defenders were caught napping and the Koreans, from being 1-0 down suddenly went 3-1 up in the second half. Although

**TENNIS** 

Whether they did or did not their

**GOLF** 

By Lewine Mair

John, was a scratch golfer for 20 years, has had a string of successes this year to set alongside the British title she won at Silloth. In April she won the Avia Foursomes with Jill Nicolson, of Scotland. The following month she gained her tenth Surrey title and in October won the Welsh

title and in October won the Welsh women's open stroke-play championship.

Mrs Thornhill said that her immediate aim was to make the British side for the Curtis Cup to be played at Muirfield on June 8 and 9. She is on the short list of 12 from which the team is to be chosen and one suspects that hers will be the

one suspects that hers will be the first name on the selectors' lists

Earlier this month, Mrs Thor-uhill and the other Curtis Cup "possibles" had a weekend's

when things are finalized

#### Lloyd back Woman of to his the year wins award very worst

on to win.

Sydney (Agencies) - John Lloyd was surprisingly beaten 7-6, 6-2 by Bruce Derlin, a New Zealand qualifier, in the second round of the New South Wales Open here Jill Thornhill, the 1983 British match-play champion, yesterday received the Avia Watches Women Golfer of the Year award in London. The presentation was made by Mary yesterday. In the previous round Lloyd had beaten the No I seed. Vitas Gerulaitis, in straight sets. Mrs Thornhill, whose husband, John, was a scratch golfer for 20

Lloyd is, for the first six years, in the world's top 100 and should certainly have beaten Derlin, who is ranked 251. Consistency, however, has never been Lloyd's strength Another qualifier to do well here is the American, Robert Seguso. For the second successive day, he put

out a seed. Three other seeds were defeated yesterday. Two were Swedes - Henrik Sundstrom, No 4, who lost Stefan Edberg, No 14, who was defeated 6-4, 6-3 by Miloslav Mecir. The other, Chip Hooper, No 13, was beaten 7-5, 4-6, 6-4 by Lloyd

SECOND ROUND: B Derlin (NZ) bt J Lloyd (GB), 7-8, 6-2; M Merch (GZ) bt S Edberg (Swe), 6-4, 6-5; P Cash (Aus) bt B Testerman (US), 4-8, 6-5; W Messur (Aus) bt M Dickson (US), 7-8, 7-5; L Bourne (US) bt C Hooper (US), 7-8, 4-9, 6-4; P Feigl (Austria) bt H Sundstrom (Swe), 6-3, 6-4; J Nystrom (Swe) bt D Giblin (US), 4-8, 6-4, 7-5; T Smid (GZ) bt M Hocevar (BA), 6-4, 7-6; P McNames (Aus) bt J Gurfein (US), 6-4, 6-3;

#### IN BRIEF contract is renewed

Channel Four's attempt to break the BBC monopoly in televised cricket has failed. The Corporation have renewed their contract with the Test and County Cricket Board exclusively to cover Test cricket and major domestic and international major domestic and international one-day competitions in the United Kingdom for the next three years.

BBC television's head of sport.

Mr Jonathan Martin, said "The

contract is an acknowledgment of the quality of our coverage in the past, and it recognizes the commit-ment across the whole range of the ment across the whole range of the sport." The BBC plan to give daily coverage of this winter's Test seeries and one-day international between New Zealand and England. RUGBY LEAGUE: The Hull scrum half Kevin Harkin, aged 31, is to retire. He lost his place to the

Australian international player Peter Sterling recently and was transfer listed at £10,000. The market is dead, and there seems little chance of getting a move, so I little chance of getting a move, so I think it's best to call it a day". BOXING: The former world welterweight and light middleweight champion, Sugar Ray Leonard, who announced last week that he was to return to boxing, may not be granted a licence to fight in New York State, (AP reports). Mr John Branca, the chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, said the organization was worried said the organization was worried about surgery performed on Leo-nard for a detached retina in May,

OLYMPIC GAMES: The civic authorities of Barcelona have launched a plan to stage the 1992 Olympic Games, hoping that the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's historic voyage to America will help their campaign. "We are hoping that the anniversary will swing the vote in our favour" the mayour, Mr Pasqual Maragall said in presenting an official working paper on the project.

#### CYCLING French classic wins reprieve

of a wealthy French builder has saved France's second most important classic, the Dauphine Libere, the organisers said yesterday. Last week, the organizers of the eight-day race, which is sponsored by the Grenoble-based newspaper of the same name, said next year's race, scheduled to begin on May 28, had been cancelled because of cash problems.

Tour De France. It was first run in 1947, and is useful form guide for the Tour De France.

Stockholm (AFP) - Britain is

SPORT ATHLETICS

#### Across the sea to Ireland for Ovett

By Pat Butcher

Steve Ovett is making the most of his first full winter's training in three years. He is due to race in the Mallusk international cross-country in Belfast – sponsored by the Milk Marketing Board – on January 7, after his victory in another cross-country race in his hoope them of after his victory in another crosscountry race in his home town of
Brighton last month, and his fourth
place in a top class road race in
London 10 days ago. The Malforsk
race is in its eighth year, and has had
some impressive winners, inleuding
John Treacy, the former world
champion. Brendan Foster, and
Overt in 1979.

Last year's winner was David
Taylor, the new Irish No 1 crosscountry runner, and the organizers
are hoping that the early announce-

make the race even more attractive to Treacy and Taylor. The only other top name for the moment is Jon Richards, the outstanding English junior who finished third in the world championships in Gatashead earlier this year.

sheat earlier this year.

Richards did even better on the track, when he ran away with the European Junior 5,000 metres title.

Injuries and illness have conspired to ruin Overt's last two winters, but he is now well on route to his second crack at an Olympics.

title.

The last time that Ovett competed in Northern Ireland was when he turned up at the last minute for the United Kingdom track and field championships at Antrim in 1981, and became the

Antim m 1991, and became the centre of a heated argument with officials who were kept unaware of hs late entry.

© Carlos Lopez, the 22 year-old former world champion, has withdrawn from the Rank Xerox interestional cross-country rate at international cross-country race at Ipswich on Saturday because he is



Ovett: back in form

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated FOOTBALL
Second Division
Chariton Athletic v Leads United (7.45)
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First Divisions Stoke C v Blackbur Rovers (7.0), Second Division Notes Stoke C v Blackbur Rovers (7.0), Second Division Notes Stoke C v Blackbur Rovers (7.0), Second Division Notes Stoke C v Blackbur Rovers (7.0), Second Division Notes Stoke C v Blackbur Rovers (RAF Lixbridge, 2.0), RUGBY UNION REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: London Union

OTHER SPORT OTHER SPORT

SNOCKER: World Onbles tourns

Northampton 2.0 and 7.0;

SOUASH RACKETS: British closed of
ship (at Abcyclet Park SEC Sheffield

HOCKEY: Inter-Service Indoor tourns
RAF Neutron 8.30.

inhill and the other Curts Cup
"possibles" had a weekend's
training with John Jacobs. There is
to be a further training weekend at
Muirfield before the Curtis Cup side
is announced. By then, Mrs
Thornhill hopes that she will have
learnt much more about her awing
and become ware consistent.

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it would go ahead, after talks with Guy Merlin, who heads a holiday home construction company. Ther race is ranked second only to the

# Paris (Reuter) - The intervention

Yesterday it was announced that

among nine countries to have been invited to send a national amazeur team to compete in the 1984 Tour of Sweden, from June 13 to 20.

#### mohle. The other shortlisted riders competing are Tony Newbury, Steven Smith, Lesley McNaught, David Bowen and Michael Whitaker. They will face opposition from abroad particularly from Thomas Fruhmann, of Austria, who has had a splendid indoor season so far and is at the head of the European World Cup league after his win at Although Broome has qualified for the final before, he has never had success in the World Cup. "It's always been a disaster, but I think I've got a good chance now with Last Resort." he said yesterday. Broome will also be riding Mr Ross World Cup league after his win at the Bordeaux qualifier earlier this month on Arizona. Schockemoble and Gerd Wiltfang, of West Germany, have withdrawn from the

Whitaker: riding high

not be riding his top horse Goldfink, who is injured. Instead he will be

trying out a new horse, Wake Up, a recent purchase from Paul Schocke-

Gary Gillespie of Scotland will

at the show and on Sunday evening ne will formally retire his great Other British riders include all seven of those shortlisted for the Olympics headed by John Whitaker, show but their country will be ably represented by Michael Ruping, who won the Berlin World Cup Olympics headed by John Whitaker, the European silver medalist, who had his most successful year ever. With his top horse. Next Collectables, Ryan's Son, who he will be riding at Olympia, he has topped both the combined national and international winnings and is also the leading international money winner. Another of his rides, the qualifier with Silbersee last month. Tonight is a gala performance is aid of the British Internationa and of the briss International Equestrian team to Los Angeles. Angela Rippon and Jimmy Hill are among the celebrities competing in the Olympic relay after which the Norwich Union Turkey Stakes winner. Another of his rides, the Portuguese stallion Novilheiro has provides the first big jumping class more nomey nationally than

SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

## North seize advantage

By George Chesterton

Northern Schools.

any other horse.

Southern Schools..... Despite starting favourites, the Southern Schools went down to the Northern schools on the Bank of England ground, at Rochampton yesterday. In the opening stages, there was little to chose between the two sides, althought the North seemed to show rather more purpose. The first goal came when Carr received a headed pass from

Sadler, and placed a long, curling shot into the top corner of the net. Carr nearly made it 2-0 moments Tapper, who had played such a major part in helping Chigwell win the six a side competition on Tuesday, was well marked, but always threatened when he received

The North dominated in the period before half-time. being quicker to the ball, and showing more control. Hunter would have scored, but for a superb reflex save by Bail to deflect the ball round the

urgency in the early stages of the second half, Gates being particularly constructive. Twice he put Tapper through, but he was thwarted by good positional play from Crum mett. Tapper then intercepted a pass, raced up the right and crossed for Watson to head just wide. A corner at the other end of the field was only partly cleared, and

although both sides were beginning to feel the rigours of the sixes competition. Gates headed wide from a corner, and Girdlestone put but to no avail.

The South were not yet done.

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Hunter, who played well through-out, firmly headed home, to make

Tapper through for one final effort

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Mr Justice Macpherson

[Judgment delivered December 13] . There was no universal rule that incident should not be the subject of consecutive sentences and where rircumstances demanded it cumu-

lative or consecutive sentences should be imposed.
The Court of Appeal so stated when allowing in part an appeal by Vincent James Dillon, aged 33, a roofer, against sentences totalling 30 months' imprisonment imposed on him at Acton Crown Court (Judge Palmer and lav justice) on mint at Action Crown (Judge Palmer and lay justice) on committal for sentence after pleading guilty at Willesden Magis-trates' Court to driving while unfit through drink, contrary to section 5 of the Road Traffic Act 1972, taking a vehicle without consent or lawful authority, contrary to section 12(1) of the Theft Act 1968, driving without insurance and driving while disqualifed, contrary respectively to sections 143 and 99(b) of the 1972 Act. On the appeal the total sentences, which had been imposed for the offences other than uninsured driving, were reduced to 18 months' imprisonment.

Mr Antony Shaw, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for Mr JUSTICE FARQUHARSON. giving the judgment of the court, said that at first the sentences

imposed were in excess of jurisdic-tion but totalled 30 months. They were then varied to six months for the section 5 offence, 12 months for the section 12(1) offence and 12 months for the section 99(b) offence, all consecutive, so that the

total remained as before.

The appellant, who had spent lunch time, afternoon and evening in a public house, then remembered that he had arranged to make his that he had arranged to meet his wife from her work and left the public house at 9 pm. too late to reach her in time by walking.

By way of curing his difficulty he looked for and found a car with ignition keys in it. He took it and drove on the North Circular Road in Willesday Life driving was received.

in Willesden. His driving was erratic and he was arrested. His blood-al-cohol concentration was 2½ times

He had numerous convictions, some for motoring offences, an appalling record.
Matters urged in his favour were

that it was some extent mitigating that he was going to collect his wife because of some dangers attending young women walking home in the evening. That had an air of unreality since he had spent the whole afternoon drinking and he could have gone for his wife at any time.

## **Consecutive sentences** foroffences

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief the had a good job as a roofer and was earning good money. On the other hand one could not help but echo the judge when he spoke about the potential danger of somebody driving a motor vehicle on a road

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having consumed so much alcohol. When one further recalled, as the Lord Chief Justice had mentioned that it was on one of the busiest and Road - prison sentences were inevitable. Time and again he had taken other people's motor cars and time and again he had driven while

Mr Shaw had attacked the sentences on the grounds that no credit was given to the appellant's pleas of guilty before the justices and also that, where offences arose out of the same incident - more emphatically in cases such as the present case - it was wrong to make on R v Jones ((1980)-2 Cr App R (S) 152). That case could be readily distinguished on the facts.

In the present case there were two quite distinct offences: (i) taking somebody else's motor car for the appellant's own private purposes; and (ii) having taken it, driving it not only while disqualified but in the condition in which he was.

Even if Jones could not be distinguished on the facts there was

added support in R v Wheatley (Sidney George) (unreported December 1, 1983) where the Court of Appeal, while recognizing that there might be a general rule in ordinary circumstances where offences arising from the same incident should sentences, it was not a universal rule and where circumstances demanded it cumulative or consecutive sentences should be imposed.

That had been the position in Wheatley as it was in the present

Notwithstanding that decision Mr Shaw still submitted that, looking at the sentences overall, their cumulative effect was that they were too long.

argument and felt moved to alter the totality. It was to be recognized that the matter was serious. For the offence of driving while unfit in the circumstances, bearing in mind the amount and place, it ought to be a case where the sentence was consecutive to that for the offence of

taking a conveyance.

The sentence for driving while also for taking a conveyance as 12 months; they would be consecutive. However, the 12 months for driving without insurance would be concur-rent. To that extent the appeal was

#### **Council liable for injury** by unsafe glass panel

Rimmer Council Before Lord Justice Stephenson. Lord Justice Griffiths and Lord

[Judgment delivered December 6] udgment delivered December 6] According to Mr Rimmer's The landowner, who designed or evidence, which was accepted by the built a house or flat, was no more judge, he complained to a technical immune from personal responsi-officer with the council at the start bility for faults of construction than of his tenancy that the glass panel

house or flat by selling or letting it.

A local council, who through their architects' department designed, and through their works department designed.

The judge concluded that although in 1959 the architect had no code of practice to guide him on the safety of glass an intelligent reading built, a flat with a dangerous glass of the 1966 and 1972 codes of panel owed the tenant, not as tenant but, like his wife or his child, as a minds of the architects' department but, like his wife or his child, as a person who might reasonably be expected to be affected by the provision of the glass panel, a duty to take such care as was reasonable

in all the circumstances to see that he was reasonably safe from personal injury caused by the glass The Court of Appeal so held in a The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an enpeal by Liverpool City Council from a judgment dated May 6, 1982, of Judge Nance, sitting as a judge of the Queen's Bench Division, whereby judgment was given for the plaintiff. Mr John Rimmer, for 12,500, as damages for personal

2.500 as damages for personal Mr Christopher Rose, QC and Mr J. F. Appleton for the council; Mr Michael Morland, QC and Mr D. M. Harris for Mr Rimmer.

LORD JUSTICE STEPHEN-SON, giving the judgment of the court, said that on December 28, 1975, Mr Rimmer while on his way from the lounge to the kitchen tripped over some toys of his little toy and fell forward. He put his left hand forward to try to save himself and put it through a glass panel thereby sustaining injuries to his

hard and wrist.

The accident occurred at a flat which Mr Rimmer had taken from the council on a weekly tenancy in May 1974. The flat was one of a block of 24 in Boundary Street East. Liverpool built by the council, through their direct works department in 1959 to the same design in all material respects. The design and construction included the glass panel which cut Mr Rimmer's hand.
That panel was part of an internal
wall directly opposite the lounge
door and it was only 3mm thick. The original project architect in the council's architects' department pool.

V Liverpool City at one stage specified Georgian wired glass for that feature, that was wired glass form thick but in 1959 at some stage the architect in charge altered the requirement to pattern glass 3mm thick.

a building contractor or from was of danger to his five-year-old personal responsibility for faults of son because of its thinness but he design than an architect, simply was told that it was standard and because he had disposed of his nothing could be done about it.

the risk of danger to anyone stumbling against that glass.

The department was not relieved from reconsidering the position in the light of after-gained information. The council were at fault in letting to Mr Rimmer a flat which they ought to have known contained that foreseeably dangerous and easily substituted glass.

Those findings seemed to be soundly based on the facts and were beyond challenge in the Court of Appeal. If there was a duty of care it was broken. The real issue raised by the appeal was not negligence but duty. Was there a duty of care? The duty for which Mr Rimmer's counsel argued and which the judge imposed was a duty only at

It appeared from Anns v Merton London Borough Council ([1978] AC 728) and Batty v Metropolitan Property Realisations Ltd ([1978] Q8 554) that a landlord of an unfurnished house might be liable to his tenant for defects rendering it dangerous if he had constructed it himself. Knowledge or opportunity for inspection per se and without regard to any consequences they might have in the circumstances, could not be conclusive against the plaintiff. Denny v Supplies & Transport Co Ltd ([1950] 2 KB 374,

The court held that the council, as their own architect and builder, owed Mr Rimmer a duty to take reasonable care in designing and constructing the flat to see that it was reasonably safe when they let it to him. They failed in that duty.

Solicitors: Howlett & Clarke, Cree & Co for Mr W. I. Murray, Liverpool; Mr S. Coraforth, Liver-

#### Reasonable detention time

Prison, Ex parte Handial Singh

The Home Office, when detaining an individual in prison pending his removal from this country by removal from this country by deportation under paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 3 to the immigration Act 1971, was limited as to the length of detention to such time as was reasonably necessary to effect the deportation; therefore, it was implicit that the secretary of state

Mr Justice Woolf so stated in the Queen's Bench Division on December 13 when considering an application for a writ of habeas corpus directing the governor of Durham prison to release the applicant forthwith pending his deportation.

Regina v Governor of Durham should exercise all reasonable expedition in the removal of the individual within a reasonable time

## Inordinate delay

Tabata v Hetherington and Wilkinson) said in the Court of Others Appeal on December 12 when

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The longer a plaintiff waited after the accrual of a cause of action before commencing proceedings, the heavier was the obligation on him to proceed with his action without any unnecessary delay, Lord Justice Cumming-Brace (sitting with Lord Justice Browne-

otherwise it was wrong to exercise the power of detention. Mr Justice Woolf so stated in the

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#### The Times guide to career development A baby need not cost you your job

One of the most unfortunate and harmful myths in the workplace is the concept of the "career woman". Aggressive, single-minded and unfeminine", she abandons all ambitions of family and idyllic home life to claw her way up the corporate ladder. All other women are seen, by contrast, as unambitious, their interests revolving around home and children or grandchildren.

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Although the myth clearly bears little resemblance to the reality of today's working woman, it has a powerful effect on employers' attiindes towards any woman who does not immediately return to work, after having a child, leaving it in the hands of a baby minder. Few employment attitudes are conceived with the idea that women can be both mothers and career-minded. For this reason, most employers assume that the woman who leaves to bring up a young family is a lost employee. Contact with her ceases, a replacement is hired and the

matter forgotten.
Now, however, there is a growing recognition that this attitude can be very short-sighted and that, even after a career break of several years, there are considerable benefits on all sides to former employees picking up again where they left off. Many jobs require a substantial training effort by the employer, an investment that is lost once the employee leaves, because, on average, women now work longer before they start their families, the amount and cost of this training is constantly increasing.

Instead of using that as a reason for discriminating against women in the provision of training, enlightened employers are recognising that they can recapture the benefits of the investment in such training by making provision for former employees to rejoin after a long break. There is an additional benefit in that the prospect of a return to work is an incentive for lower turnover, because women will be less tempted to emulate male colleagues and job hope for marginal increases in salary.

In theory, the main problem with such re-entry schemes is loss of skill. Technology and procedures change people's knowledge becomes rusty

Enlightened employers are re-engaging women who quit their jobs for motherhood, says

#### David Clutterbuck

and out of date. But in practice this seems to be much less of a difficulty than it is generally represented to be. Margery Povall, a researcher at the City University Business School. London, who has studied this area closely: "While there are jobs where the length of the career break can be critical - for example some high technology occupations on which six months' absence can make re-adjustment difficult - they are very rare. Most people adjust very quickly. Former employees returning to banking jobs after 10 years, for example, usually slot in immediately. Some things may have changed, but there is still so much in any occupation that remains the same". "Most of the new skills can be learned in a matter of days.

Among companies, which have taken the issue seriously, is National Westminster Bank, whose re-entry scheme has impressed other bank sufficiently for them to begin planning their own. The Natwest scheme was introduced partly to retain scarce skills and partly as an active rather than a passive approach to tackling equal opportunity issues. The career break is an important factor in the disproportionate ratio of male to female bank managers.

The scheme, a long-term aim of which is to attract more bright women into NatWest, gives former employees the option to return to work for a refresher period of two weeks every their old job or a similar one, often as relief staff during holidays or when full-time staff are absent through illness. In some instances, re-entry is guaranteed. The bank has also contacted many former employees and asked them whether they would like to return to their old jobs.

Although only a small number were able, by virtue of their domestic circumstances, to do so, all were assimilated easily.

Another large employer carefully examining re-entry is the Greater London Council, It has had for some time provisions in its employment policies for women to return to work but they were rarely used because hardly anyone knew about them. Now the council is to launch a big internal publicity campaign to make women aware of the opportunities to resume

Other initiatives being taken or discussed by the GLC Equal Opportunities Unit include provision of day-care facilities so that mothers can return to work knowing their children are being looked after near at hand, special courses to help people gain new skills to qualify for vacancies, and a review of its "family responsi-

The two 50 place day-care facilities planned are insufficient for the 200 applications already received from employees who might otherwise have to quit their jobs when their babies are born, so an additional scheme to provide financial help with local nursery care is being considered.

Family responsibility leave - time off to look after sick children - may be made less restrictive, to reassure women that they will be able to take care of domestic emergencies without losing their jobs. For those who want to work only part-time while their children are young, job-sharing may be on offer.

There are, says Margery Povall, two basic approaches concerned companies can take. One is to assume there will be a lengthy career break and ease it through such retainer schemes as that operated by Natwest. The other is to make the career break year, working normal office hours at as short as possible by providing a range of flexible options for the working mother to continue her career, either part-time basis or fulltime with help to mesh domestic and career responsibilities. Either way, most British employers have considerable changes in attitude and policy to make.

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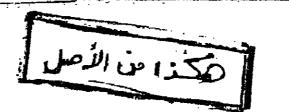
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#### BBC 1

6.00 Contax AM. 6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott News at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours; regional news weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; television Dreview at 6.55; a look at the morning papers at 7.18 and medical matters and Glyn Christian's cookery article

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pelmeeu 9'30 aug 3'00 pelmeeu 8'30 aug 3'00 9.00 Mastermind International. Representatives of Ireland, 'Australia, New Zealand and Magnusson at the Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford (r) 9.35 Closedown 10.30 Play School (r) 10.55 Closedown

12:30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale. The weather prospects come from Michael Fish 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles) 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. Music and coversation from the loyer of the studios 1.45 Postman Pat 2.20 Film: Tender Comrade\* (1943) starring Ginger Rogers and Robert Ryan. The story of five girls who, while their husbands are away fighting World War Two, pool their resources and

set up house together.
Directed by David Hempstead
3.35 Tex Avery Double Bill. MGM cartoons, Bad Luck Blackie and Big Heel Watha 3.53 Regional news (not London) 3.55 Play School presented by Chloe Ashcroft 4.20 The Advectures of Bullwinkle and Rocky. A cartoon senal. 4,25 Jackanory. Nerys Hughes with another excerpt from The Making of Fingers Finnigan 4.40 Spider Man and his

Amazing Friends 5.05 John Craven's Newsround 5.10 Blue Peter. More news of the 5.40 Sixty Minutes includes national news at 5.40; regional news megazines at 5.53; weather at 6.15; and closing headlines at 6.38

6.40 Angels. Nurse Ladipo suspects a wrong diagnosis in the case of a Nigerian patient which could lead to his death 7.05 Tomorrow's World includes a report by Judith Hann from Israel on a hospital which

observes every detail of Jewish religious law 7.30 Top Of The Pops. The latest video performances and studio appearances of the artists responsible for the tatest rash of popular records. Presented by Simon Bates and Janice Long

8.00 Wildlife on One: Night Life. A composite picture of the nightlife of the British countryside. Narrated by David Attenborough (see

5.30 Only Fools and Horses. Rodney's good deed for the day turns sour once brother take over

9.00 News with Sue Lawley 9.25 Jehnny Jarvis. The last epsode in the story concerning the youth of today. Johnny and Stella and their baby move in with Alan, now a successful songwriter. Johnny, in contrast, is jobless with his confidence at a very low ebb

10.20 Question Time with David Alton, Liberal MP for Mossley Hill; military analyst General Sir John Hackett, Dr Oonagt McDonald, Labour MP for Thurrock, and James Prior, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland 11.18 News headlines

11.20 International Show Jumping from Olympia 12.10 Weather

ms-vr 6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond

and Nick Owen A review of the day's papers at 6.25; news from Gavin Scott at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.35 and 7.40; exercises at 6.45 and 9.18; Farming with Barry Wilson at 6.50; John Stapleton with a guest in the Spotlight at 7.05; guest Pat Coombs from 7.35; money talks at 7.45; pop video at 7.55; Paul Gambaccini reviews the latest films at 8.35: cookery with Michael Barry at 9.02; and closing news headlines at 9.23

#### ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headings Intimes news neatimes followed by Seasme Street. Learning made fun with the Muppets 10.25 Belgique – Cole Jardin. The life of a Belgian farmer 10.45 Little House on the Prairie (r) 11.35 Film Fun - The Movie. Derek Griffiths introduces a programme about the rvelopment of sound in the cinema, (r).

12,00 Yestime and Claudia. An animated story entitled A Day by the River 12.10 Get Up and Go! with Beryl Reid (r) 12.30 The Sulfivens. News with Leonard Parkin

1.20 Thames news 1.30 A Plus. Kay Avila talks about Christmas past with Lord Tonypandy (in a Welsh mining community): Beatnes Reading (in a small Pennsylvania town where granded was sheriff): Jimmy Boyle (in prison); and Julia McKenzie (working in pantomime) 2.00 Looks Familiar Denis Nordern showbusiness in the Thirtles and Forties (r)

2.30 Snooker.Coverage of the Hofmeister World Doubles 3.30 Sons and Daughters 4.00 Teetime and Claudia. A repeat of the programme shown at the Planet of the Cats (r) 4.20 First Post Viewers' criticism of ITV children's programme: 4.35 Porky Pig (r) 4.45 Sneak Preview: The Making of Krull. Sue Robbie goes behind the

scenes at Pinewood Studios 5.15 The Young Doctors. 5.45 News 6.00 Thames news. 6.30 Thames Sport, Steve Rider talks to Sebastian Coe in Los Angeles; and Ian Botham talks about England's winter cricket

7.00 Knight Rider. Sunken treasure is the bart this evening and Michael Knight and KITT dive underwater in the attempt to trace the hoard.

8.00 Shelley. The indolent graduate meets his philosophis match at the local job agency a tramp.

8.30 Hotel. Part three of the saga that follows the fortunes of the staff and guests of the St stain and guests of the st Gregory, a luxury hotel in San Francisco. This evening is fairly typical with a political assassination attempt and the arrest of a young wife who has taken to prostitution in order to pay off her debts.

9.30 TV Eye presented by Alastair Burnet reconstructs the shooting of Steven Waldoorf and asks what k police have learned. With Steven Waldorf and essisti 10.00 News.

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10.20 Ebory introduced by Juliet Alexander, Vince Herbert and 10.30 The Sweeney. Flying Squad drama starring John Thaw and Dennis Waterman who. Wayne Laryea, includes a report by Krishna Govender on the way jobs are being provided for Liverpool's togight, move somewhat upmarket when they investigate a series of society unemployed black population; poetry from the 1983 robberies (r). Commonwealth Poetry Prizewinner, Grace Nichols: 11.30 Snooker. Highlights of the day's play in the Hofmeister World Doubles tournament. and the story behind Bob Marley's hit, Buffalo Soldiers. 12.15 Night Thoughts from the Rev 10.50 Newsnight. Ends at 11.40.



Frederick Treves in A Flame to the Phoenix: Channel 4 9.30pm

BBC 2

5.35 News summary with subtitles.

O'Sullivan. Instant parenthood

tor Tarzan and Jane when an

aeroplane crashes near their

jurgle home, the sole survivor being a baby boy. They take him under their wing and teach him the ways of the jurgle.

Directed by Richard Thorpe.

7.00 Open Space: Peter Tatchell and the Battle for

parliamentary candidat about what has been

lost the battle for the se

vacated by Bob Mellish. He tells of the threatening

death threats and physical

telephone calls, the hate mail,

violence and of his character assassination by Fleet Street.

Also on the programme are Tony Benn who analyses the

background to the NEC's refusal to endorse Tatchell's

candidature: Sarah Benton.

campaign with Walter Terry, former political editor of The Sun and Martin Linton of The

Guardian and Matthew Partis,

Derbyshire West who wrote an

article for The Times deploring Fleet Street's treatment of

Championships. The semi-final Jeremy James reports on the games being played in London and Bill Hartston

analyses the moves with his

between Margaret Court and

government newspaper, izvestia, talks to Peter France

about his job. (see Choice).

and Dame Hilda Bracket with another story from village life

of Parliament. This penultimate programme in the series that looks behind the

Parliament examines the

machinery involved in the enactment of a law.

9.00 Dear Ladies. Dr Evadne Hinge

in Stackton Tressel (r).

9.30 The Great Palace: The Story

deputy editor of the New

Fleet Street handled the

Conservative MP for

Tatchell.

7,30 The World Chess

expert eye.

8.05 100 Great Sporting Mom-Highlights of the 1970 Wimbledon Ladies' Final

Billie-Jean King.

8.30 Global Report. Melor Sturus, foreign editor of the Soviet

Bermondsey. The former

described as one of the dirties:

and rancorous by-elections for decades when he lought and

5.40 Film: Tarzen Finds a Son\* (1939) starring Johnny Weissmuller and Maureen

 Channel Four's Today History series continues with a potted, but nonetheless informative, history of childhood. Presented by Roger Opie THE INVENTION OF CHILDHOOD (6.30pm) traces the evolution of childhood from the 16th century when children were treated as young adults to the present day when, according to anthropolog

Peter Loizos, they "have become the meaning of life in the West as belief in an after-life recedes". Solveen these two extremes Juliet Gardner, editor of History Today magazine and historian, Professor John Burnett, chart the key times in the developing status of children. At one time regarded as naturally sinful because they were thought to be the product of a sinful act the brevity of childhood reached its shortest during the 19th century when small children became an essential part of

CHANNEL 4

5.30 Everybody Here. Lively entertainment for children. Bob Hoskins, star of the

4.45 Countdown. The final round of

the anagrams and mental

arithmetic competition. Two competitors each have the chance to win thousands of

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National Theatre's Guys and Dolls production and the film,

The Long Good Friday, tells

the story of The Underground

Flea; there is a competition to see how many children can squash their faces against a

window; how they can make a telephone call to Italy; and Dr

Smartypants has some more useless advice (r)

help their overworked butler,

The Addams Family The bizarre family build a robot to

Lurch, but this only leads to Lurch thinking that he is not

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7.50 Comment. On the scap-box

this evening is Dr Barry Pearce, lecturer in land

economy at Cambridge

8.00 Bands of Gold. The British

Drum Corps Championships

West Bromwich Albion's

Football ground. The nine

Dagenham Crusaders from Essex march against the

Green Lancers from

9.00 Scap. More jungitic comedy from the Tate and the Campbell families. This week

1983. Tony Capstick and Rob Lucheme introduce highlights of the Championships, held on

bands were whittled down to two and the tension mounts as

Burt is suspicious about Mary

and her professor while Mary is suspicious of Burt and his

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Mariene Dietrich

9.30 Film: A Fizme to the Phoenix

(1983) starring Ann Firbank and Frederick Treves. The

story of a weekend country

party set on the estate of the

Countess Kurowicka in Poland. It is 1939 and war is

looming and tensions are mounting. Directed by William

11.00 What the Papers Sey. Daily Mirror journalist, Joe Haines, reviews the best stories from

the week's newspapers

11.15 Our Lives: The Kipper's Tale

spend their nights in the Kipper, a hostel for the

The stories of Keith, Jackie

and Donna, three homeless East London youngsters, who

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the industrial workforce. Nearer the present day, Winifred Foley recalls present day, wratter roley recass her happy but deprived childhood in the Forest of Dean during the "hungry Twentes" when she looked forward to school only for the meets and she movingly recalls the death of her young brother who died when hunger drove him to eat chalk. An absorbing programme on a subject that should be explored in greater depth by television.

BBC Bristol's steady stream of

tonight with NIGHT LIFE (BBC1 8.00pm) a magnificently filmed (by Owen Newman) documentary that illustrates the activity of an imaginary night in the English countryside. As twilight falls the camera captures the nocturnal

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11.48 Enquire within.
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12.27 The Small, Intricate Life of Garaid C Potter with Ian

Carmichael.
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Grant as Roland's mother:
4.00 News; Just After Four.
4.10 Bookshelf. Radio 4s book
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4.40 Story Time: 'A Kind of Treason' by George Macbeth (11).
5.90 PM; News Magazine.

BBC 1 WALES: 12.57 pm-1.00 News of Wales headlines. 3.53-3.55 News of Wales headlines. 5.53 Wales Today, 12.10 am News and weather. SCOTLAND: 12.55 pm-1.00 The Scottish News. 3.53 Scotland: Sixty Minutes. 12.10 am News and weether. NORTHERN RELAND: 12.57 pm-1.00 Northern Ireland News. 3.53-3.55 Northern Ireland News. 3.53 Scene Around Str. 12.10 am News and weather. ENGLAND: 5.53 pm Regional news magazines. 12.15 am Close.

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creatures as they go about their nightly business. A fox stealthily stalks his prey; a vole is the haples victim of an alert barn owl; beetles are seen mating; and a spider moults. All this activity is accompanied by the sound of a

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accompanied by the south of a nightingale in full voice.

The fascinating sight of Moscow's Fleet Street in action is the subject of the seventh programme in the Global Report senes. In NEWS OF THE SECOND WORLD (BBC2 8.30pm) Peter France follows the publication of a day's edition of izvestia in the company of Melor Sturua, the company or Metor Sturua, the foreign editor of the newspaper and its former foreign correspondent in London, Washington and New York. Sturus proves to be an amusing host, wallowing in the prestigious position of the journalist in Soviet society.

6.30 My Word. 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers.

7.45 Royal Liverpool Philhams Orchestra, Part 1: Elgar, Beethovan.?

investigation into listeries problems.

30 The Living World.

30 News: Conversation Piece. Sue MacGregor talles to Kalash Puri, Punjabl agony columnist. Mrs Pun liveson Merseyside, but her advice on personal problems is sought throughout the Punjabl-speaking world. She has traight Punjabl to British policemen and written books on Indian coolery.

10.30 Morning Story: Seeing Things' by Maggle Taylor.

10.45 Daily Service.†

11.00 News: Travel; Analysis. Pax Americans – look at he reasoning and the reality of America's foreign policy.

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11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.00 News. 12.10 Weather.

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5.55 Weather, Programme News. 6.00 The Stx O'clock News; Financial

7.20 Shall We Jon the Ladles?
Carole Rosen discovers that
women composers were
unexpectedly successful in
Edwardian times.?

9.06 Concert. Part 2: Hoist, Britten, t 9.45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine.

17.00 A Book at Berthine: 'Ask Mamma' by R S Surtees (9) 11.15 The Financial World Tonight



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focuses on an ideological confrontation between the ambassacion (Denis Cuilley) and 8.55 Viesther. 7.00 News. 7.06 Morning Concert. Bigar, Vieucomps, Mozart; records.† 8.50 Morning Concert (continued) Dvorak, Wolf-Ferrari, Chopin, Rubbra; records.

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Radio 3

9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer, Berlioz;

records.?
10.00 Music For Harp and Orchestra.
Handel, Debussy, Mozart;
racords.?
11.00 Engish Music for Violin and
Piano. Anthony Hedges, Wafton,?
11.40 BBC Welsh Symphony
Orchestra. Mozart and Brahms.?
1.00 News.
1.05 Israel Piano Quartet. Paul BenHam, Faura.?
2.00 Bartioz. Romeo et Juliette –
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Orchestra and Choir and the Chor of the Vienna State Opera. John Shirley-Quirk sings the role of Friar Lawrence.† Youth Orchestras of the World. Overture County Youth Orchestra: Verdi, Henry Wood, Copland, Hoist, Strawinsky, This is a recording of the Royal Festival Hall concent staged last July. The works include Copland's Clannet Concerto (finale), Hoist's ballet music for The Perfect Fool, and Strawinsky's suite The Firebird.† News.

4.55 News.
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7.00 The Gentlemen of the Chapel
Royal, The Restoration – Henry
Cooke's Choristers;
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8.00 News.

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ampassador (Denis Currey) and a Deputy of the host country, sparked by the spectacular suprise appearance of a dissident (Tim Piggot-Smith). The cast also in includes David March, Carole Boyd and Eric Allen, and this is the first English term uses techniques of the

play.†
9.00 Edith Vogel plays Beethoven.†
9.55 Music in our Time. Music by Elisabeth Lutyens.†
11.00 The Complete Webern. 5
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Radio 2

News on the hour (except 8.00pm and \$.00. Major Bulletins 7.00pm, 1.00pm, 5.00 and 12.00 midnight. Headlines 5.30pm, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30, 5.00pm Ray Moore, 1.30 Terry Wogan, 1.0.00 Jimmy Young, 1.2.30 Gloria Humiford, 1.2.10 Sports Desk, 4.00 David Hamilton, 1.2.10 Sports Desk, 4.00 David Hamilton, 1.00, 5.30 Sports Desk, 6.00 John Dunn, 1. Incl. 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (mf only), 7.30 Marching and Waltzing, 1.8.30 Country Club with Nick Jackson, 1.8.57 Sports Desk, 10.00 The Grumbleweeds, 10.30 Brian Metthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight), 1.00pm Grand Hotel, 1.2.00-5.00 Peter Dickson presents You and the Night Dickson presents You and the Night and the Music.†

Radio 1

News on the half hour 6.30sm-8.30pm, 10.0 and 12.0 midnight (MF/MW). 6.00sm Adnan John 7.00 Mark Page. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Mike Smith. Incl. 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.00 Steve Wright. 4.30 Peter Powel, Inc. Newsbeat. 7.00 David Jensen. 10.00-12.00 John Peet.† VHF RADIOS 1 and 2 5.00sm With Radio 2. 10.00pm With Radio 1. 12.00-5.00 With Radio 2.

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Wings. 10.50 High Winding. 11.05-11.35 Airplanes, Men and Memories. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Making a Living.

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#### Reagan decides to seek reelection

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The main reason why linger ing doubts had remained about his intentions centred mainly on his age. He will be almost 78 by the time his second term expires, which would make him the oldest President in American history. However, he is in robust health and recently wrote an article for The Washington Post explaining how he keeps

President Reagan has already indicated that Vice-President George Bush will again be his running mate next year as he was in 1980. As it is virtually certain that Mr Reagan's nomination will be unchallenged, next year's Republican Party convention in Dallas will, in the words of one aide, take the form of a "coronation" at which the President's accomplishments will be extolled rather than the usual "horse race" between rival candidates.

A well-oiled

A well-oiled political machine has been established to ensure that the President gets off to a flying start next month. The Reagan-Bush Campaign Committee has already raised more than \$3m (£1.2m) and his formal announcement is expected to produce a surge of new donations for his campaign

fund.
The President's decision to seek reelection comes at a time when his popular approval rating is as high as it has been since 1981. A poll carried out by Mr Richard Wirthlin on behalf of the campaign committee shows that 62 per cent of people questioned approve of performance as President. The survey showed Mr Reagan 16 points ahead of his two main Democratic challengers, Mr Walter Mondale and Senator

The President's popularity, together with the continuing economic recovery, means that he will be entering next year's race as the firm favourite to win the November election. However, his aides concede that the race will be much tougher than in 1980, particularly if the Democrats unite behind a strong candidate and develop a coherent campaign strategy.

They also point out that Mr

Reagan's present high ratings could be upset if the situation in Lebanon deteriorates.

 President Reagan yesterday publicly conceded for the first time that he would consider withdrawing American forces from Beirut if there was a complete collapse of order in

# Prince William steps out to face the press



The Prince and Princess of Wales keeping a firm hold on their son yesterday (Photographs Harry Kerr).







Prince William, aged almost eighteen months, displaying regal professionalism before the cameras at Kensington Palace yesterday.

## Head-on clash over Scots home rule

Frank Johnson in the Commons

member for Dundee East, found himself yesterday in the position of being required by the rules of order to wear a black top hat.

Readers who share my own horror of after-dinner games during country weekends must accept that the incident was not as boring as it sounds. It is by no means commonplace for a member suddenly to appear on the backbenches wearing a black top hat. True, he was also wearing trousers.

So the incident was not as unusual as it might have been had Mr Wilson really wanted to attract attention to the Scottish nationalist cause. But, in an age when politicians are increasingly loathe to go the whole way, wearing a black top hat was as exhibitionist as we were going to get.

The House was voting on

whether to give leave to the Liberal, Mr Archy Kirkwood, to bring in a Bill to set up a Scottish Parliament. Members were milling about, making for the division lobbies. Mr Wilson had thought of a device to draw attention to the

He would raise a point or order with the Speaker to the effect that only Scottish members should be allowed to take part in this division since a majority of the Scottish people voted at the last general election for parties which, according to him, favoured some form of devolution or

In order to raise this point of order, he fell foul of a convention whereby a member wishing to raise a point of order during division must remain seated and wear a hat or at least keep his head

What is the origin of this rule? Some of us have spent a large part of our adult lives at Westminster deliberately not finding out the answers to questions like that, and we intend to keep it that way. Long experience has taught us that it is only when these aspects of British constitutional procedure are explained by the relevant auth-orities that they become boring. So, for reasons which must

remain unknown, a Scotsman found himself sitting in the middle of a division yesterday with an order paper on his head crying: "Point of order, Mr Speaker!" A moment later, the obliging Opposition Chief Whip, Mr Michael Cocks reached for the black top hat especially retained for crises.

This is kept in a box near

the Serjeant-at-Arms. For the record, the Serjeant-at-Arms wears a sword and black tights. No doubt there is a perfectly respectable explanation for that as well although it is difficult to think

of one. The hat was produced and handed across the Liberal bench to the Scottish national ist bench above. It was an opera hat suitable for sitting on when not in use during operas or during divisions in which no one was raising a point of order. Mr Wilson punched it open, put it on his head, and embarked on his point of order.

At this point, the most interesting sight was the public gallery. What were casua visitors to make of it? Few could have known of this hat rule in particular or of our funny little practices in general. There was no reason why they should. The assumption in the public gallery would have been that it was some thing to do with Christman But why a Scotsman was acting the fool perhaps escaped them. Surely the Scots wait for the new year before doing this sort of thing Anyway, it was to be hoped that Mr Wilson would not end up in full song, climbing Eros, or stealing a policeman's

The Speaker, ruling on Mr Wilson's point of order, said he had no power to prevent any members voting on such a Bill. Whereupon, Mr Andrew Faulds, the bearded famously egomaniacal Labour member for Warley East and a professional actor in real life, demanded the hat. Interestingly, it was seen to be rather With that menace which he

always exudes when he is being jovial, for he is never menacing when he is on the attack, Mr Faulds demanded that, if Sassenachs were excluded from voting, the House should not exclude those of Scottish descent" which was Mr Faulds's way of telling us that he was of Scottish descent.

Up in the public gallery, it was undoubtedly being assumed that Mr Faulds' point of order, top hat and beard were all in connexion with the

### THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

#### Today's events

rcentary, 3pm.
The Duke of Edinburgh visits 2.25 and then Carlisle cathederal. Princess Anne, president of the Save the Children Fund, accepts a car from the Ford Motor Company at SCF headquarters, Mary Datchelor House, London, 3.30.

ing Championships, Olympia, London, 6.55

New exhibition

Christmas exhibition fraturing new work by Michael Joseph Browne; and African and Oceanic

4 Porter may help one get loaded

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13 Shown by Lilliputian clocks after midnight? (5,5).

15 Big hand for the nobleman (5,4).

17 Like Lady Macbeth seen in the

18 A drink - splitting head.

21 Lyrics tell a story to the German

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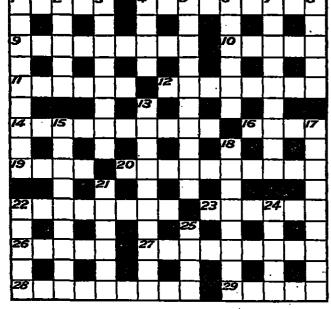
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place (5).

25 Sea-horses? (4).

#### The Duke of Gloucester visits Art, Ginnel Gallery, 16 Lloyd Street, The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,310



#### **ACROSS**

- 1 A first, second and a place for the rest of course (5).

  4 Part of balter for horseless carriage (5-4). 9 Drowsy when moon's setting
- 10 Shoe right shape for Arab 11 Concept of half-time in day-
- 12 Not knowing one may be in a
- happy state (8). 14 Combat employment? (10). 16 Polaris? Initially see the Astronomer Royal (4).
- 19 Critic of old wood (4). 20 Unfortunate - as when Le Malade Imaginaire took the lead 22 Uncertain power (5).
- 22 Time to recognise position of gravity (8). 23 For the rest a look at a Queen
- say (6). 26 Bottle fruit in one (5). 27 Confident girl mugged (9). 28 Thinkers sort this out egghead
- 29 Establish a standard at Kew? (5).
- 1 They are not here to look back
- 2 Fleeting visitor gets invitation to take tea. we bear (5). 3 Hot out and stormy, without qualification (8).
  - **CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 10**

#### Westbury and District Hospital, 11.05; and opens Laverton Almshouses, Westbury, Wiltshire, Manchester, Mon to Fri 9 to 5.30, Thurs 9 to 8pm, closed Sat and Sun

Exhibitions in progress
The Second Bombing, by Mulheimer Freiheit, Fruitmarket Gallery, 29 Market Street, Edinburgh;
Mon to Sar 10 to 5.30, closed Sun
(until 31 December). Princess Michael attends a carol concert at Guildford cathederal, Surrey, in aid of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, 7.40pm. Princess Alexandra attends the French prints and drawings, Art Galley and Museum, Kelvingrove, Glasgow, Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (until 8 January). As of Now. Peter Moores

As of Now: Peter Moores Liverpool Project 7: Work of 15 artists selected by William Feaver, Walker Art Gallery, Williams Brown, Liverpool, 3; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5; Closed Dec 24-27, Jan 2; (until Februs, Control To the Glory of God - an

(until 6 January).

To the Glory of God – an exhibition of stained glass designs and windows, Blackburn Museum and Art Gallery, Library Street, Mon to Fri 9.30 to 6, Sat 9.30 to 5, closed Sun (until 14 January).

Recent works by Gerald Gadd, Landscapes, Geoffrey Huband, Maratime, Frances Cripwell and Moira Williams, flora and fauna, at Gallery 45, 45/46 Bridge Street, Hereford; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30. Hereford: Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30,

closed Sun (until 24 December). Quill to Qwerty - writing instruments and type - writers from the private collections of Brenda Nutting and Duncan James, Banbury Museum, 8 Horsefair, Banbury, Oxon: Mon to Sat 10 to 5, closed Tues and Sun (until 14 Feb), Rail Images through the lens, featuring more than 100 years of

featuring more than 100 years of photography, Royal Photography, Royal Photographic Society, The Octagon, Milsom St. Bath: Mon to Saz 10 to 4.45 closed Sun until 4 February).

Elizz Westlake (1829-1918), watercolours. Salisbury & South Wiltshire Museum, 65 The Close, Salisbury, Wilts: Mon to Sat 10.30 to 4, closed Sun (until 4 February).

Carol services Lawyers' Christmas service, St

Anne's Church, Manchester, 1.15. Carois from the Handbell Group, Music . 8 Contest allowing English to let

Music

Hayda's Creation by the orchestra and chorus of the Welsh
National Opera, St David's Hall,
Cardiff, 7.30.

Northern Sinfonia Christmas
concert with the Cambridge Buskers
and the Sinfonia Chorus, City Hall,
Namentla wee Table 7.35 Newcastle upon Tyne, 7.45.
Hallé concert, Free Trade Hall,
Peter Street, Manchester, 7.30.
Organ recital by Gordon Stewart,
Manchester Cathedral, 1.05.

Christmas concert of Victorian Christmas concert of vision songs and carols, Yvonne Scymour (soprano), Lesley Schatzberger (clarinet) and Peter Scymour (piano); Library Theatre, Solfhull,

Ipm.
The Ron Goodwin Christmas show, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, Winter Gardens, Bournemouth, 7.30.

The Messiah, by Hull Choral
Union Orchestra, City Hall, Hull, 7.30.

General Computer Christmas Fair, Wembley Conference Centre, Wembley, Middlesex, (until Dec 18). Thurs to Sun 10 to 6, Fri 10 to

The Tardis Comes to Tyneside -Dr Who Special, Tyneside Cinema, 10/12 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle Christmas Market. Bailgate, Lincoln. (until Sun 18). Thurs and Fri 6 to 9.30. Sat and Sun 12 to 9.30.

#### New books – paperback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week: China, Alive in the Bitter Sea, by Fox Butterfield (Coronet, £4.50)
Confessions of a Homing Pigeon, by Nicholas Meyer (Coronet, £2.50)
Pocket Classics, new series, includes The Vicar of Bullhampton, by Anthony Trollope (Alan Sutton, £2.95)
Richard Wagner, His Life, Art and Thought, by Floraid Taylor (Granada, £3.95)
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The Times: An English Reader, by Marion Efficit & Peter Strutt (Collins, £3.95)
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Water Music, by T. Coraghessan Boyle (Granada, £2.50)
Writing in Society, by Raymond Williams (Verso, £5.95)

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#### Christmas cards

Charity cards are available from



Christmas charities For reasons of space and fairness, we are unable to include details of

individual Christmas appeals. However, a list of appeals is being compiled and charities wishing to be included and charities wishing to be included should send details to: Christmas Charities, Times Information Service. PO Box 7, 200 Grav's Ina Road, London WC1X SEZ. The Times is unable to accept any donations for charities.

#### Christmas post

cards to arrive in time for Christmas is Saturday. First class items should be posted by Tuesday December 20.

#### Anniversaries

Births: George Romney, portrait painter. Dalton in Furness, Lanca-shire. 1734: Niels Finsen, physician, Noble laureate, 1903. Thorshaven, Faeroe Islands. 1860. Sir George Cayley, founder of the science of perodynamics, died at Brompton Hall, Yorkshire, 1857.

#### Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Telecommuni-cations Bill, third reading. Lords (3pm): Restrictive Trade Practices (Stock Exchange) Bill.

North: A167: Major works at South Parade, North Allerton. A6119: Only one lane open on Whitebirk Drive, Blackburn, delays

expected.
Wales and West: M4: Delays at

junction 32 (Cardiff) and junction 34 (Llantrisant). M4: Lane closures

for bridge inspection and repairs

between junctions 21 and 22 across the Severn Bridge. A303: Resurfac-ing, temporary lights between Wincanton and Ilminster at Holton.

Restrictions at Sprarkford and at

Scavington.

Scotland: A73: Drainage work, single lane traffic near Cartland Bridge, Lanarkshire. A82: Resurfac-

ing and drainage work from two miles north of Tarbet, Dumbarton-

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Channel Islands, SW England, S Waless Showers, becoming mostly cloudy with general rein later; winds S backing SE moderate increasing-fresh to strong; max temp 11 to 13C (52 to 55F).

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Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Mild and unsettled.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straights of Dover: Wind, gale or severe gale, decreasing fresh or strong; sea very rough, becoming rough. English Channel (E): Wind SW, moderate, increasing S. strong, perhaps gale later; sea moderate becoming rough. St Georgos Channel: Wind S, light or moderate, increasing SE gale or severe gale later; sea moderate becoming very rough, Irish Sea: Eind variable, light, strong later; sea moderate or fresh, locally strong later; sea moderate or fresh, locally strong later; sea moderate or fresh, locally strong later; sea moderate. shire, progessing further north for three miles. Traffic reduced to single of junction with A719 at Turnberry (Ayrshire), single lane traffic. Information supplied by AA. British Rail will be running more than 600 extra trains for travellers before and after Christmas and new

year holidays.
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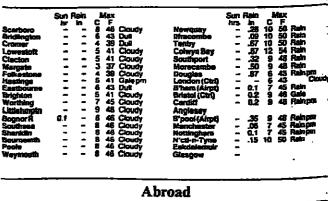
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